BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
3 9999 06543 135 3

v.1
c.12

Department of Municipal Statistics. City of Boston.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

CITY OF BOSTON.

1884.

BOSTON:
ROCKWELL AND CHURCHILL, CITY PRINTERS,
No. 39 ARCH STREET.
1884.

Digitized by the Internet Archive
in 2011 with funding from
Boston Public Library

http://www.archive.org/details/proceedingsofsch1884bost

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Jan. 14, 1884.

The meeting for the organization of the Board of School Committee of the City of Boston for this municipal year was held in the School Committee chamber, Mason-street building, on Monday, Jan. 14, 1884, being the second Monday in said month, at seven and one-half o'clock P.M.

Present, all the members. Hon. Augustus P. Martin, President of the Board, in the chair.

At the request of the President, prayer was offered by Rev. Raphael Lasker. Prayer.

The following members of the Board of last year continue in office, having unexpired terms: — Members with unexpired terms.

Mrs. Fifield, Miss Peabody, Messrs. Blake, Darling, Doherty, Elliott, Gaffield, Hobbs, Hyde, Lasker, Moran, Naphen, Perkins, Rust, and Williamson.

The Chair read the following: —

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, BOSTON, Dec. 31, 1883. Communication from City Clerk.

PHINEAS BATES, ESQ., *Secretary of School Committee:* —

SIR, — This is to certify that it appears by the returns of votes cast in the several wards of this city, on the 11th instant, that the following persons, having a plurality of votes, have been duly elected as members of the School Committee, for the terms recited below: —

For three years: Charles L. Flint, Charles T. Gallagher, James C. Davis, George H. Plummer, Nahum Chapin, John C. Crowley, Abram E. Cutter, James S. Murphy.

For two years: Timothy J. Dacey.

Attest:

FREDERICK E. GOODRICH,
City Clerk.

Placed on file.

Certificate of members elect.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Hyde, Rust, and Hobbs as a committee to collect the certificates of members elect. The committee, having attended to that duty, reported that credentials had been received from the following newly elected members: Charles L. Flint, Charles T. Gallagher, James C. Davis, George H. Plummer, Nahum Chapin, John C. Crowley, Abram E. Cutter, Timothy J. Dacey. Subsequently the committee reported that the credentials of James S. Murphy had been received.

The reports of the committee were accepted, and the credentials placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Rust, it was

Rules and Regulations adopted.

Ordered, That the Rules of the Board and the Regulations of the Public Schools of last year be adopted for the present year, until otherwise ordered.

Election of Vice-President.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the Board proceeded to the election of a Vice-President, and Messrs. Moran, Williamson, and Crowley were appointed a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for said officer. They reported the whole number of votes to be 23; necessary for a choice, under the rule, 12. George M. Hobbs had 23 votes, and was accordingly declared elected.

Election of Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the Board proceeded to the election of a Secretary, and Messrs. Blake, Plummer, and Dacey were appointed a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for said officer. They reported the whole number of votes to be 24; necessary for a choice, under the rule, 13. Phineas Bates had 24 votes, and was accordingly declared elected.

Election of Auditing Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, the Board proceeded to the election of an Auditing Clerk, and Messrs. Chapin, Perkins, and Flint were appointed a committee to re-

ceive, sort, and count the votes for said officer. They reported the whole number of votes to be 25; necessary for a choice, under the rule, 13. William J. Porter had 25 votes, and was accordingly declared elected.

Election of Messenger.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, the Board proceeded to the election of a Messenger, and Messrs. Hyde, Gallagher, and Gaffield were appointed a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for said officer. They reported the whole number of votes to be 25; necessary for a choice, under the rule, 13. Alvah H. Peters had 25 votes, and was accordingly declared elected.

Election of Treasurer of Corporation.

On motion of Mr. Lasker, the Board proceeded to the election of a Treasurer of the Corporation, and Messrs. Lasker, Rust, and Chapin were appointed a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for said officer. They reported the whole number of votes to be 23; necessary for a choice, under the rule, 12. Abram E. Cutter received 23 votes, and was accordingly declared elected.

Secretary qualified.

The Secretary of the Board was qualified as Secretary of the Corporation, His Honor the Mayor administering the oath of office.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, it was

Legislative committee appointed.

Ordered, That a special committee of three be appointed to take charge of all matters relating to the schools of Boston that may come before the Legislature during the present year.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Gallagher, Blake, and Williamson as such committee.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the following order was taken from the files of last year: —

Gage's Physics as a text-book. [See page 8.]

Ordered, That Gage's Physics be authorized for use in the Boys' Latin School.

After discussion the order was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, it was

Unfinished business referred.

Ordered, That when the Committees of the Board are appointed, the unfinished business of last year, referred to this Board, be referred to the appropriate committees.

His Honor the Mayor appointed the following Standing Committees; also, the Normal, High School, and Division Committees, viz.: —

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Standing Committees appointed.

Accounts. — William A. Rust, chairman; Messrs. Williamson, Crowley, Doherty, and Cutter.

Annual Report. — William C. Williamson, chairman; Mr. Naphen and Mrs. Fifield.

Drawing and Music. — Charles C. Perkins, chairman; Miss Peabody, Messrs. Cutter, Blake, and Darling.

Elections. — Charles T. Gallagher, chairman; Messrs. Lasker and Rust.

Evening Schools. — George M. Hobbs, chairman; Messrs. Gallagher, Hyde, Lasker, and Williamson.

Examinations. — Miss Lucia M. Peabody, chairman; Messrs. Crowley, Hyde, Flint, and Darling.

Horace Mann School. — Thomas Gaffield, chairman; Mrs. Fifield and Mr. Naphen.

Nominations. — Abram E. Cutter, chairman; Messrs. Davis, Doherty, Dacey, and Gaffield.

Primary-School Instruction. — John B. Moran, chairman; Messrs. Hobbs, Hyde, Gaffield, and Murphy.

Rules and Regulations. — Charles L. Flint, chairman; Messrs. Hobbs, Gallagher, Dacey, and Perkins.

Salaries. — George H. Plummer, chairman; Messrs. Chapin, Hyde, Doherty, and Murphy.

School-houses. — Nahum Chapin, chairman; Messrs. Plummer, Gallagher, Davis, and Darling.

Schools for Licensed Minors. — Raphael Lasker, chairman; Messrs. Elliott and Murphy.

Sewing. — Mrs. Emily A. Fifield, chairman; Miss Peabody, and Messrs. Chapin, Naphen, and Moran.

Supplies. — James C. Davis, chairman; Messrs. Plummer, Chapin, Dacey, and Elliott.

Text-books. — John G. Blake, chairman; Messrs. Crowley, Flint, Hobbs, and Davis.

Truant-Officers. — The Mayor, chairman; Messrs. Moran, Elliott, Williamson, and Dacey.

NORMAL, HIGH SCHOOL, AND DIVISION COMMITTEES.

Normal, High School, and Division Committees appointed.

Normal School. — Messrs. Hobbs, Moran, Hyde, Miss Peabody, Mr. Perkins.

High Schools. — Messrs. Flint, Blake, Gallagher, Rust, Miss Peabody.

First Division. — Messrs. Plummer, Chapin, Cutter, Doherty, Dacey.

Second Division. — Messrs. Cutter, Chapin, Perkins, Darling, Murphy.

Third Division. — Messrs. Perkins, Darling, Elliott, Doherty, Dacey.

Fourth Division. — Messrs. Crowley, Blake, Davis, Gaffield, Williamson.

Fifth Division. — Messrs. Hyde, Moran, Rust, Lasker, Blake.

Sixth Division. — Messrs. Gallagher, Crowley, Williamson, Naphen, Hobbs.

Seventh Division. — Mr. Hobbs, Miss Peabody, Messrs. Crowley, Flint, Mrs. Fifield.

Eighth Division. — Messrs. Moran, Hyde, Gaffield.

Ninth Division. — Mr. Hyde, Mrs. Fifield, Mr. Naphen.

The appointments were confirmed.

Mr. Rust offered the following: —

Adjournment.

Ordered, That the next meeting of the Board be held on Tuesday evening, Jan. 29, at half-past seven o'clock.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Flint offered the following: —

Removal of partition in Latin-School building.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to remove the partition between rooms Nos. 7 and 8 of the Boys' Latin School building with the least possible delay.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses, with full powers.

Gage's Physics.

Mr. Blake moved to take from the table the order relative to Gage's Physics.

Lost, by a vote of 8 to 11.

On motion of Mr. Darling, the Board adjourned at twenty minutes after eight o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,

Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Jan. 29, 1884.

An adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members, except Messrs. Doherty and Elliott.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Reports of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Dillaway District. — Olive M. E. Rowe, third assistant, Feb. 1, 1884.

Everett District. — Mary E. Badlam, third assistant, Jan, 16, 1884. Resignations of teachers.

Gaston District. — Myra S. Butterfield, third assistant, Feb. 1, 1884.

Rice District. — Emma L. B. Hintz, fourth assistant, Feb. 1, 1884.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Franklin District. — Delia L. Viles, from Nov. 15, 1883. Special assistants, Primary Schools.

George Putnam District. — Mary E. Maxim, from Nov. 16, 1883.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Charlestown High School. — Lucy C. Eliott, assistant, from Jan. 2, 1884.

Dillaway District. — Ellen M. Barbour, third assistant, from Dec. 12, 1883, to Jan. 7, 1884, inclusive; Esther M. Meserve, third assistant, from Jan. 8 to 31, 1884, inclusive.

Eliot District. — Elizabeth C. Harding, third assistant, from Dec. 7, 1883; Nellie G. Murphy, fourth assistant, from Sept. 3 and 4, 1883.

Harvard District — Eudora F. Sumner, third assistant, from Dec. 3, 1883.

Mt. Vernon District. — Frances R. Newcomb, third assistant, from Feb. 1, 1884.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Nominations of teachers.

Bunker Hill District. — Eleanor S. Wolf, third assistant, from Dec. 1, 1883.

Charles Sumner District. — Jennie P. Hews, third assistant, from Dec. 13, 1883; Catherine S. Summers, fourth assistant, from Dec. 3, 1883.

Dillaway District. — Olive M. E. Rowe and Corinne Harrison, second assistants, from Feb. 1, 1884.

Everett District. — Jane Reid, third assistant, from Jan. 16, 1884.

Gaston District. — Myra S. Butterfield, second assistant, from Feb. 1, 1884.

Mather District. — Charlotte L. Child, fourth assistant, second year, from Feb. 12, 1884.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Dwight District. — J. Langdon Curtis, sub-master.

Franklin District. — Clara M. Moseley, third assistant.

Harvard District. — Sarah E. Leonard, first assistant; Ann E. Weston, second assistant; Elizabeth R. Cormier, fourth assistant.

Lyman District. — Martha L. Frame, fourth assistant.

Phillips District. — Mary L. Bibbey, fourth assistant.

Sherwin District. — Annie C. Colburn, fourth assistant.

Warren District. — Edward Stickney, sub-master.

Accepted.

TRANSFERS.

Tranfers of teachers.

Dillaway District. — Adaline Beal, second assistant, Primary Department to the position of fourth assistant in the Lewis District, to date from Nov. 11, 1883; Irene Fisher, Lizzie F. Johnson, Delia T. Killion, Hattie A. Littlefield, Ella F. Seaverns, and Helen M. Stevens, fourth assistants, to the same positions in the Dudley District, to date from Sept. 1, 1883.

Dudley District. — Elizabeth Palmer, Celia A. Scribner, Anna M. Stone, Annie J. Whelton, Henrietta M. Wood, fourth assistants, to the same positions in the Dillaway District, to date from Sept. 1, 1883.

Lewis District. — Sarah E. Rumrill, fourth assistant, to the same position in the Dudley District, to date from Sept. 1, 1883.

Lincoln District. — Louise A. Pieper, fourth assistant, to the position of third assistant in the same district, to date from Feb. 1, 1884.

Accepted.

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Nomination of Evening School teachers.

Evening High School. — Emil Schwab, assistant, from Nov. 5, 1883.

Wells School. — Nellie M. Leavitt, assistant, from Nov. 14, 1883.

Accepted.

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Text-Books, offered the following: —

"Lessons in color"; reference book.

Ordered, That "Lessons in Color" be authorized for use as a reference book in the Primary Schools, and that one copy be supplied for each Primary School teacher's desk.

Laid over under the rule.

On motion of Mr. Blake, for the same committee, it was

Globes; "Cosmograph" authorized.

Ordered, That the "Cosmograph" be authorized for use in the public schools, and that the Committee on Supplies be instructed to purchase twenty of the globes for use in the schools.

On motion of Mr. Blake, for the same committee, it was

Physiological charts authorized for use.

Ordered, That the physiological charts, called "The Charts of Life," be authorized for use in the Normal and High Schools.

Gage's Physics authorized for use as a text-book. [See page 5.]

On motion of Mr. Blake, the following order was taken from the table: —

Ordered, That Gage's Physics be authorized for use in the Boys' Latin School.

The order passed.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, it was

Leave of absence to George W. Neal.

Ordered, That leave of absence, until April 1, 1884, be granted to George W. Neal, master of the Quincy School.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to Emily B. Peck.

Ordered, That leave of absence, until April 1, 1884, be granted to Emily B. Peck, third assistant in the Quincy District.

Mr. Crowley offered the following: —

Ordered, That Section 187 of the Regulations be amended by adding the following to the section: —

Amendment to Regulations proposed; pay of substitutes for principals.

"That whenever a principal is absent, the sub-master, or other teacher taking charge of the school, in addition to his regular salary, shall be paid by the principal for each school day of actual service one four-hundredth of the difference between the maximum salary of a master and the maximum salary of a sub-master (in High Schools, of a head master and a master, respectively); and a regular teacher, acting as a temporary master, shall receive the same additional compensation."

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Crowley presented a comparative statement of the net expenditures of the School Committee for the past eight years and ten months, exclusive of the amounts paid for salaries, and fuel, gas, and water. [Paper on file.] After some remarks, Mr. Crowley offered the following resolutions: —

Comparative statement of school expenses for eight years and three months.

Whereas, John B. Moran, M.D., is retired from the Committee on Supplies — the most important business committee of this Board — on which he had served for four years, during two years and three months of which time he performed the arduous duties of its chairmanship to entire acceptance;

Resolutions on service of John B. Moran as chairman of the Committee on Supplies.

Resolved, That his special competency, his unusual application, and his fidelity to the public interests, as shown in the excellent results of that Committee's labors and management, deserve our formal attestation; and in behalf of the public, who have received the benefit of his valuable services, we express to him due approbation and thanks.

After discussion, on motion of Mr. Rust, the resolutions were laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on the Third Division, it was

Leave of absence to Luciette A. Wentworth.

Ordered, That leave of absence until April 1, 1884, be granted to Luciette A. Wentworth, third assistant in the Eliot District.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to Kate S. Sawyer.

Ordered, That leave of absence until April 1, 1884, be granted to Kate S. Sawyer, third assistant in the Eliot District.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to Barbara C. Farrington.

Ordered, That extended leave of absence until March 1, 1884, be granted to Barbara C. Farrington, second assistant, Primary Department, in the Bowdoin District.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to Adeline F. Cutter.

Luther B. Pillsbury, substitute.

Ordered, That extended leave of absence until March 1, 1884, be granted to Adeline F. Cutter, second assistant in the Phillips District, and that Luther B. Pillsbury be approved as her substitute.

Election of a teacher of Evening Drawing School.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committe on Drawing and Music, reported the nomination of A. Hun Berry, as assistant in the East Boston Evening Drawing School, from Jan. 11, 1884.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, it was

Committee on Manual Training School appointed.

Ordered, That a special committee of three, to be known as the Committee on Manual Training School, be appointed, under whose direction the appropriation for said school shall be expended.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Perkins, Blake, and Darling as such committee.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be instructed to include in the estimate of expenses for the ensuing year the salaries of four special instructors in music for the Grammar and Primary Schools, and of one for the High Schools, at a uniform salary of $2,640.

Estimates for special instructors of music.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on the Normal School, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence until April 1, 1884, be granted to Uleyetta Williams, third assistant, in the Rice District.

Leave of absence to Uleyetta Williams.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, it was

Ordered, That extended leave of absence until April 1, 1884, be granted to Phebe H. Simpson, third assistant in the Lewis District.

Leave of absence to Phebe H. Simpson.

Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the sum of one hundred and sixty dollars be paid to Earle G. Greenleaf, for forty evenings' service as assistant in the Evening High School, during the term of 1882–83.

Compensation to Earle G. Greenleaf for services as assistant in the Evening High School.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Moran, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide additional sanitary accommodations in the Mt. Vernon School-building.

Sanitary accommodations in Mt. Vernon School-building.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses, with full powers.

Mr. Moran, for the same committee, to whom was referred — from the files of last year — a petition for one daily session in the Hillside School, reported that, after a hearing granted to the petitioners, and a careful consid-

Report of Committee on Eighth Division; petition for one daily session in the Hillside School.

eration of the matter, the committee recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, it was

Leave of absence to Sarah M. Tripp.

A. Delancey Sutherland, substitute.

Ordered, That extended leave of absence until March 1, 1884, be granted to Sarah M. Tripp, third assistant in the Lincoln District, and that A. Delancey Sutherland be approved as her substitute.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to Mary E. Balch.

Elizabeth A. Souther, substitute.

Ordered, That extended leave of absence until March 1, 1884, be granted to Mary E. Balch, second assistant in the Lincoln District, and that Elizabeth A. Souther be approved as her substitute.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to Ann E. Newell.

Annie Britt, substitute.

Ordered, That extended leave of absence until April, 1, 1884, be granted to Ann E. Newell, second assistant, Primary department, in the Norcross District, and that Annie Britt be approved as her substitute.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, it was

Leave of absence to Sarah E. Crocker.

Kittie Wark, substitute.

Ordered, That extended leave of absence until April 1, 1884, be granted to Sarah E. Crocker, fourth assistant in the Dwight District, and that Kittie Wark be approved as her substitute.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to Anna E. L. Parker.

Elizabeth K. Wallis, substitute.

Ordered, That extended leave of absence until April 1, 1884, be granted to Anna E. L. Parker, third assistant in the Franklin District, and that Elizabeth K. Wallis be approved as her substitute.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That extended leave of absence until April 1, 1884, be granted to Kate E. Blanchard, third assistant in the Franklin District, and that Nellie J. Bruce be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Kate E. Blanchard.

Nellie J. Bruce, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That extended leave of absence until April 1, 1884, be granted to Abbie M. Holder, third assistant in the Franklin District, and that Emma G. Brown be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Abbie M. Holder.

Emma G. Brown, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That extended leave of absence until April 1, 1884, be granted to Elizabeth J. Brown, third assistant in the Franklin District, and that Grace L. Curtis be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Elizabeth J. Brown.

Grace L. Curtis, substitute.

Mr. Hyde, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide additional Primary School accommodations in the Franklin District for two primary classes.

Additional Primary School accommodations in the Franklin District.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses, with full powers.

Mr. Rust, for the Committee on Accounts, presented the following statement: —

Statement from Committee on Accounts.

OFFICE OF ACCOUNTS,
MASON STREET, Jan. 29, 1884.

The Committee on Accounts present to the Board the appropriations as made by the City Council, for the present financial year, together with the expenditures incurred, including the draft payable February 1, 1884, — being ten months' payment of the present financial year: —

Object of Appropriation.	Appropriation, 1883–4.	February Draft.	Expenditures, 10 Mos., 1883–4.	Balance Unexpended.
Salaries, instructors	$1,143,471	$97,354 77	$949,205 41	$194,265 59
Salaries, officers . .	58,940	4,901 66	49,016 66	9,923 34
Sch. Expenses. Salaries, janitors	84,000	7,187 66	69,006 65	14,993 35
Sch. Expenses. Fuel, gas, water,	63,000	5,093 23	58,098 61	4,901 39
Sch. Expenses. Supplies and miscellaneous expenses . .	108,650	4,619 33	84,873 48	23,776 52
Totals	$1,458,061	$119,156 65	$1,210,200 81	$247,860 19

The City Treasurer has received thus far, during the year, the sum of $45,030.35, for books and materials sold to pupils, which sum has been credited to School expenses.

For the Committee on Accounts,

WILLIAM A. RUST,
Chairman.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Rust, it was

Payment of salaries of teachers absent and not employing substitutes.

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts consider and report what action, if any, is necessary whereby the interests of the city may be better protected in the matter of the payment of salaries to instructors who absent themselves from their duties without employing a substitute, as required by the Regulations of the Board.

Miss Peabody, for the Committee on Examinations, reported, that the Board of Supervisors, in accordance with an order passed June 26, 1883, have examined the diploma examination papers of the following-named schools: — Bowditch, Bowdoin, Central, Chapman, Dillaway, Emerson, Lincoln, Minot, Mt. Vernon, Prescott, Rice, Stoughton, and Wells Grammar Schools; and the English and Girls' High Schools; and have reported the

results to the Committee on Examinations, by whom they have been carefully considered. Their report, given in detail, is too voluminous to lay before this committee, but the papers are in the hands of the Superintendent, where they are open to the inspection of any member of this Board who may desire to examine them.

Accepted.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence until April 1, 1884, be granted to E. Isabelle Bense, fourth assistant in the Mather District, and that Anna K. Barry be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to E. Isabelle Bruce.

Anna K. Barry, substitute.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Sewing, reported the resignation of J. Zella Ridgway sewing-teacher in the George Putnam, Mt. Vernon, and Charles Sumner Schools, to take effect Jan. 2, 1884.

Resignation of J. Zella Ridgway, sewing-teacher.

Accepted.

Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, reported the nomination of Mrs. Mary E. Jacobs, as temporary teacher of sewing in the George Putnam, Mt. Vernon, and Charles Sumner Schools, from Jan. 2, to Feb. 2, 1884; also the nomination of Mrs. Sarah J. Bray, as sewing-teacher, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Ridgway, to date from Feb. 4, 1884.

Nomination of sewing-teacher.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School-houses, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, the order relating to a new Primary School-house in the Fifth Division, reported that the following order ought to pass:—

Report of the Committee on School-houses; new Primary School-house in the Fifth Division.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to erect an eight-room Primary School-house, on land owned by

the city, on the northerly side of Harrison avenue, between East Brookline and East Newton streets.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Accommodations for modelling class of Evening Drawing School, and removal of partition in Latin School building.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom were referred, with full powers, the order relating to accommodations in the basement of the Latin School-building, for a modelling class of the Evening Drawing School, and the order relating to the removal of a certain partition in the Latin School-building, reported that the orders had been approved by the committee and transmitted to the City Council.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, it was

Opinions of masters on placing text-book in mental arithmetic in the hands of pupils.

Ordered, That the masters of the Grammar Schools submit to this Board, either individually or in such manner as they may deem best, their opinions in regard to placing the mental arithmetic in the hands of the pupils like any other text-book in our schools.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from Supt. of Schools; invitation to pupils to visit Institute Skating Rink.

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, Mason street, Jan. 29, 1884.

HON. A. P. MARTIN, *President of the School Committee:* —

DEAR SIR, — I have received from the managers of the Institute Skating Rink an invitation for the pupils in the public schools to visit that place on Saturdays. If the School Board should authorize me to accept the invitation on behalf of the school-children of suitable age, the practical details can be easily arranged. I would respectfully ask the Board to consider the matter.

Very truly yours,

EDWIN P. SEAVER.

Mr. Gaffield moved to refer the subject to the Superintendent, with full powers.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the subject was laid on the table.

The Chair presented a petition signed by Franz Douard, and 104 others, for the erection of a school-house on Parker street, Roxbury, on a lot of land owned by the city.

Petition for School-house on Parker street, Roxbury.

Referred to the Committee on the Seventh Division.

The Chair presented a petition signed by John D. Carty, and 201 others, for additional school accommodations in the Lowell District.

Petition for additional school accommodations in the Lowell District.

Referred to the Committee on the Seventh Division.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the Committee on Primary School Instruction, announced by the Chair at the last meeting of the Board, was annulled.

Committee on Primary School Instruction annulled.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the Board adjourned at fifteen minutes before ten o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,

Secretary.

In School Committee, Feb. 12, 1884.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Blake, Doherty, Flint.

On motion of Mr. Gaffield, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Reports of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Dwight District. — Elizabeth G. Melcher, third assistant, Feb. 12, 1884. Resignation of teachers.

Everett District. — Anna C. Ellis, second assistant, Feb. 12, 1884.

George Putnam District. — Belle P. Winslow, second assistant, March 1, 1884.

Mt. Vernon District. — Ann M. Harper, fourth assistant, Feb. 11, 1884.

Stoughton District. — Ellen E. Burgess, third assistant, Feb. 1, 1884.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Latin School. — Henry C. Jones, junior master, from Dec. 19, 1883. Temporary teachers.

Allston District. — Mary L. Gooch, fourth assistant, from Dec 3, 1883.

Dearborn District. — Mary J. Mohan, third assistant, from Dec. 3, 1883.

Dillaway District. — Cordelia G. Torrey, third assistant, from Feb. 13, 1884.

Dwight District. — Jennie E. Morse, third assistant, from Jan. 15 to Feb. 1, 1884, inclusive.

Prescott District. — Sarah J. Welch, third assistant, from Feb. 12, 1884.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Nomination of teachers.

Allston District. — Carrie G. McDonald, third assistant, from Feb. 11, 1884.

Bennett District. — Jessie M. Rice, third assistant, from Feb. 11, 1884.

Comins District. — Martha Palmer, fourth assistant, from Feb. 5, 1884.

Dwight District. — Jennie E. Morse, third assistant, from Feb. 4, 1884; Georgiana Benjamin, third assistant, fourth year, from Feb. 18, 1884.

Everett District. — Elizabeth G. Melcher, second assistant, from Feb. 13, 1884.

Lyman District. — Fannie M. Morris, third assistant, from Feb. 4, 1884; Mary L. Sweeney, fourth assistant, from Dec. 15, 1883.

Mt. Vernon District. — Nellie J. Kiggen, fourth assistant, Feb. 11, 1884.

Accepted.

Mr. Cutter reported the following nomination on probation: —

George Putnam District. — Belle P. Winslow, first assistant, from March 1, 1884.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed, under a suspension of the rules.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Everett District. — Alice E. Stevens, fourth assistant.

George Putnam District. — Belle P. Winslow, second assistant.

Accepted.

EVENING SCHOOLS.

Evening-School teachers.

Evening High School. — Charles A. French, assistant from Dec. 18, 1883.

Eliot School. — Harvey L. Boutwell, assistant, from Nov. 19 to Dec. 21, 1883, inclusive.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on Evening Schools, it was

Transfer of appropriation for Evening Schools.

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be authorized to transfer such unexpended balance of the appropriation for Evening Elementary Schools as may be necessary, to the appropriation for Evening High School.

Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, offered the following: —

Additional Primary-School accommodations in Gaston and Lincoln Districts.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide additional Primary-School accommodations in the Gaston and Lincoln Districts.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses, with full powers.

Estimates for 1884–5.

Mr. Rust, for the Joint Committee on Accounts and Supplies, presented the following estimates of expenses for the financial year 1884–5, and asked that the same be approved by the Board: —

SCHOOLS. — ESTIMATES, 1884–5.

School Committee,
Office of Accounts, February 6, 1884.

James H. Dodge, Esq., *City Auditor:* —

Dear Sir, — The Committee on Accounts of the School Committee herewith transmit to you estimates of the amount which will be required to meet the expenses of the Public Schools for the financial year commencing on the first day of May, 1884, and ending April 30, 1885, exclusive of the expenses for furniture, repairs, alterations, and the building of school-houses.

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM A. RUST,
Chairman Committee on Accounts, School Committee.

SALARIES OF INSTRUCTORS.

First Grade.

5	Head-Masters, at	$3,780	$18,900	
3	Masters	3,168	9,504	
21	"	2,880	60,480	
1	Junior Master	2,736	2,736	
1	" "	2,448	2,448	
3	" Masters	2,304	6,912	
2	" "	1,440	2,880	
1	" Master	1,152	1,152	
			——	$105,012

Second Grade.

34	Masters, at	$2,880	$97,920	
1	Master	2,820	2,820	
1	"	2,760	2,760	
4	Masters	2,700	10,800	
2	"	2,640	5,280	
4	Sub-Masters	2,496	9,984	
2	" "	2,436	4,872	
14	" "	2,280	31,920	
1	Principal, Dillaway School	2,280	2,280	
1	Sub-Master	2,220	2,220	
1	" "	2,196	2,196	
2	" "	2,100	4,200	
1	" "	2,040	2,040	
	Amount carried forward		$179,292	$105,012

	Amount brought forward		$179,292	$105,012
5	Sub-Masters	1,980	9,900	
2	" "	1,920	3,840	
2	" "	1,800	3,600	
2	" "	1,740	3,480	
1	" "	1,680	1,680	
4	" "	1,620	6,480	
4	" "	1,560	6,240	
			———	214,512
	Third Grade.			
1	Assistant Principal, at . . .	$1,800	$1,800	
5	First Assistants	1,620	8,100	
4	Assistants	1,380	5,520	
1	"	1,308	1,308	
5	"	1,236	6,180	
1	"	1,188	1,188	
2	"	1,092	2,184	
8	"	1,044	8,352	
5	"	996	4,980	
2	"	948	1,896	
2	"	900	1,800	
5	"	852	4,260	
5	"	804	4,020	
			———	51,588
	Fourth Grade.			
1	First Assistant, at	$1,152	$1,152	
56	" Assistants	1,080	60,480	
4	" "	1,044	4,176	
1	" "	1,008	1,008	
4	" "	972	3,888	
3	" "	936	2,808	
66	Second Assistants	816	53,856	
1	" "	804	804	
27	" "	792	21,384	
6	" "	780	4,680	
10	" "	768	7,680	
282	Third Assistants	744	209,808	
18	" "	696	12,528	
12	" "	648	7,776	
17	" "	600	10,200	
17	" "	552	9,384	
	Amount carried forward		$411,612	$371,112

Amount brought forward		$411,612	$371,112
15 Third Assistants	504	7,560	
9 " "	456	4,104	
288 Fourth Assistants	744	214,272	
23 " "	696	16,008	
14 " "	648	9,072	
21 " "	600	12,600	
33 " "	552	18,216	
26 " "	504	13,104	
13 " "	456	5,928	
12 Temporary Teachers, 100 days . .		2,232	
15 Special Assistants, 150 " . .		2,250	
			716,958

Special Grade.

Special Teacher of Illustrative Drawing, Penmanship, etc., Normal School	$1,380	
Sewing, 27 Instructors, 203 Divisions . .	14,784	
4 French Instructors, High Schools . . .	4,185	
1 German Instructor, " " . . .	720	
		21,069
Deaf-Mutes: —		
1 Principal	$1,800	
8 Assistants	6,500	
		8,300
Music: —		
1 Instructor, High Schools	$2,640	
4 Instructors, Grammar and Primary Schools	10,560	
		13,200
Drawing: —		
Director		3,000
Licensed Minors: —		
2 Assistants		1,488
Chemistry: —		
High Schools, 2 Instructors	$1,780	
1 Laboratory Assistant	744	
		2,524
Physical Culture: —		
Girls' High, 1 Instructor	$960	
" Latin, 1 "	492	
		1,452
Military Drill: —		
Instructor	$1,500	
Armorer	504	
		2,004
Amount carried forward		$1,141,107

Amount brought forward		$1,141,107
Evening High School: —		
Master, 22 weeks	$1,100	
Teacher of Phonography, 22 weeks . .	366	
14 Assistants, 22 weeks	6,160	
Clerk	330	
		7,956
Evening Elementary Schools: —		
13 Principals, 22 weeks	$5,720	
72 Assistants, 22 weeks	11,880	
		17,600
Evening Drawing Schools: —		
2 Masters, 63 evenings . . .	$1,260	
3 Head Assistants, " " . . .	1,134	
11 Assistants, " " . . .	3,465	
5 Curators, ...	630	
		6,489
		$1,173,152

SALARIES OF OFFICERS.

Superintendent	$4,200	
6 Supervisors, at $3,780	22,680	
Secretary	2,500	
Auditing Clerk	2,500	
Assistants	2,400	
Copyist	840	
Assistant in offices School Department . .	600	
Messengers	1,580	
18 Truant Officers	21,720	
		$59,020

INCIDENTALS.

Text-Books, Reference Books, Exchange of Books, ...	$55,000
Books for Supplementary Reading	2,500
Annual Festival	2,000
Globes, Maps, and Charts	1,200
Musical Expenses: — Instruments, Repairs and Covers, ...	2,200
Printing and stock used for same	6,650
Philosophical, Chemical, and Mathematical Apparatus and Supplies	2,000
Amount carried forward	$71,550

Amount brought forward	$71,550
School Census	1,100
Stationery, Drawing Materials, and Record Books	12,000
Slates, Diplomas, Racks, Pencils, Erasers, etc.	3,500
Advertising	400
Military Drill: —	
Arms, Repairs, etc.	450
Fuel, Gas, and Water	67,000
Salaries of Janitors	86,000
Janitors' and other supplies	3,400
Cost of work for furnishing supplies, etc., per contract to July 1st — 3 months	3,000
Estimate for cost of work for balance of year — 9 months — including salaries, expenses of teaming, repairs, etc.	9,000
Miscellaneous, including sewing materials, teaming, extra labor, horse and carriage expenses, postage, car and ferry tickets, receiving coal, and sundry items	3,500
	$260,900

RECAPITULATION.

Salaries of Instructors	$1,173,152
Salaries of Officers	59,020
Incidentals	260,900
	$1,493,072

INCOME.

Non-residents, State and City	$13,000
Trust Funds, and other sources	12,000
Sale of books and supplies	42,000
	$67,000

The estimates herewith presented, as compared with those for 1883–84, show an increase of $35,011 in the amount asked for, and an increase of $3,000 in the estimated income. Taking both together, it leaves a net increase in the amount to be provided of $32,011, as compared with the amount granted last year. The increase in the estimated expenses is owing to the additional number of pupils, which requires a force of twenty-nine teachers in excess of that of last year; and as the

average salary paid to a regular teacher is about $1,000 per annum, the increase of $29,681 requested for salaries of instructors is thus accounted for. $2,000 additional is required for salaries of janitors, as experience has shown that this amount is necessitated by the yearly increase in school accommodations. Last year the estimate for fuel, gas, and water was $63,000; but as this will prove insufficient to meet the cost of those items the current year, the estimate is increased to $67,000, which will leave a very small margin over the actual cost of those items the present year. Aside from the increase requested for salaries of instructors and janitors, and for fuel, gas, and water, the remaining estimates aggregate a decrease as compared with those of last year.

After a careful consideration of the requirements of the schools, the committee having charge of the preparation of these estimates are of the opinion that the amount requested is absolutely required to carry on the schools as they are at present constituted.

The Committee on Accounts respectfully request that the Auditor of Accounts may be authorized to transfer unexpended balances from any one of the appropriations named, to any other appropriation.

For the Committee on Accounts,
WILLIAM A. RUST,
Chairman.

For the Committee on Supplies,
JAMES C. DAVIS,
Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, the estimates were laid upon the table; subsequently, on motion of Mr. Rust, the estimates were taken from the table.

Mr. Moran moved to amend the estimates by substituting the following for the item of "Music" as contained in the estimates: —

Music: — Director	$3,000	
Three Instructors	7,920	
		$10,920

Mr. Moran's motion to substitute was lost.

Suspension of rules.

On motion of Mr. Rust, the rules were suspended, and the estimates, as reported by the committee, were unanimously approved.

Mr. Moran, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, offered the following: —

Additional Grammar-School accommodations in the Bennett District.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide additional Grammar-School accommodations in the Bennett District.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on the First Division, it was

Leave of absence to Angelina M. Cudworth.

Fidelia D. Merrick, substitute.

Ordered, That leave of absence until April 1, 1884, be granted to Angelina M. Cudworth, fourth assistant in the Lyman District, and that Fidelia D. Merrick be approved as her substitute.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on the Second Division, offered the following: —

Building in Medford street.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to fit up the old wooden building in Medford street, near the Prescott School-house, for school purposes.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to Callie E. Gary.

Mary E. Very, substitute.

Ordered, That leave of absence until April 1, 1884, be granted to Callie E. Gary, third assistant in the Harvard District, and that Mary E. Very be approved as her substitute.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Carrie E. Webster.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, an order that Carrie E. Webster, assistant in the Girls' High School, be placed upon the seventh year of service in her grade, reported that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to erect a new school-house of ten rooms and a hall, in the Minot District, on land already purchased and approved. New school-house, Minot District.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Gertrude P. Davis, third assistant in the Minot District, be placed upon the maximum salary of her grade, to date from Feb. 1, 1884. Salary of Gertrude P. Davis.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr Hobbs, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, to whom were referred — January 29 — petitions for additional school accommodations in the Lowell District, reported that a hearing was given to the petitioners, and the subject considered by the committee, who recommend the passage of the following order: — Report of Committee on the Seventh Division; new school-house on Parker street.

Ordered, That the City Council be earnestly requested to erect a school building on Parker street, on the lot of land purchased for the purpose, as soon as possible.

Accepted.

Mr. Crowley moved to amend the order by inserting after the words "school building" the words "of ten rooms."

Mr. Hobbs stated that the Division Committee could decide upon the number of rooms necessary, and forward such information to the proper committee of the City Council.

Mr. Crowley stated that if such be the understanding he would withdraw the amendment.

The order as reported passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on the Third Division, it was

Leave of absence to Barbara C. Farrington.

Ada K. Richards, substitute.

Ordered, That extended leave of absence until April 1, 1884, be granted to Barbara C. Farrington, second assistant, Primary Department, in the Bowdoin District, and that Ada K. Richards be approved as her substitute.

Petition for extension of term in East Boston Evening Drawing School.

Mr. Perkins presented a petition, signed by 89 pupils of the East Boston Evening School, asking that the term in that school be extended.

Referred to the Committee on Drawing and Music.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, the following order was taken from the table: —

"Lessons in color," reference book Primary Schools.

Ordered, That "Lessons in Color" be authorized for use as a reference book in the Primary Schools, and that one copy be supplied for each Primary-School teacher's desk.

The order passed.

Report of the Committee on Sewing; nomination of sewing-teacher.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Sewing, reported the nomination of Mrs. Mary E. Jacobs as sewing-teacher in the George Putnam, Mt. Vernon, and Charles Sumner schools, from Jan. 2 to Feb. 2, 1884, to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Miss Ridgway.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, it was

Leave of absence to Anna M. Fries.

Mary E. Morse, substitute.

Ordered, That leave of absence until April 1, 1884, be granted to Anna M. Fries, third assistant in the Dorchester-Everett District, and that Mary E. Morse be approved as her substitute.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the Board adjourned at half-past eight o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Feb. 26, 1884.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members, except Messrs. Darling, Elliott, Murphy, and Williamson.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Reports of Committee on Nominations.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Charlestown High School. — Abbie F. Nye, assistant, from Feb. 11, 1884. Temporary teachers.

Girls' High School. — Sarah J. C. Needham, assistant, from Jan. 2, 1884.

Dwight District. — Laura E. Andrews, third assistant, from Feb. 13 to 15, 1884, inclusive.

Rice District. — Harriet H. Norcross, third assistant, from Dec. 17, 1883; Elsa L. Hobart, fourth assistant, from Feb. 1 to 2, 1884.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Adams District. — M. Luetta Choate, third assistant, from Feb. 4, 1884. Nomination of Teachers.

Brimmer District. — Elizabeth A. Noonan, third assistant, second year, from Feb. 1, 1884.

Dwight District. — Isabelle H. Wilson, third assistant, from Feb. 4, 1884.

Eliot District. — Elizabeth C. Harding, third assistant, second year, from March 7, 1884.

Lawrence District.—Lizzie J. Thing, fourth assistant, from Nov. 19, 1883.

Lincoln District.—Emma J. Channell and Joanna C. Wilkinson, fourth assistants, from Oct. 22, 1883, and Feb. 25, 1884, respectively.

Rice District.—Harriet H. Norcross, third assistant, from Feb. 1, 1884.

Stoughton District.—Mary Trumbull, third assistant, from Feb. 1, 1884.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of Teachers.

Girls' Latin School.—Anna Van Vleck, assistant.

Central District.—Mary A. Boland, third assistant.

Dudley District.—Maria E. Wood, third assistant.

Hancock District.—M. Lizzie Bryant, fourth assistant.

Lawrence District.—Nellie R. Grant, third assistant; Henrietta Nichols, fourth assistant.

Minot District.—Gertrude P. Davis, third assistant.

Rice District.—V. Colonna Murray, fourth assistant.

Wells District.—Mary A. Collins, fourth assistant.

Accepted.

TRANSFERS.

Transfer of Teachers.

Emerson District.—Lillian G. Bates, fourth assistant, on probation, to the position of third assistant, on probation, in the same district, to date from Feb. 1, 1884.

Hancock District.—Cicely M. Kennemon, fourth assistant, to the position of third assistant, in the same district; Lucy M. A. Moore, third assistant, on probation, to the position of fourth assistant, on probation, in the same district, the transfers to date from Feb. 1, 1884.

Lincoln District.—Emma J. Channell, fourth assistant, on probation, to the position of third assistant,

on probation, in the same district, to date from Feb. 25, 1884.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Gaffield, for the Committee on the Horace Mann School, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence until April 1, 1884, be granted to Annie E. Bond, first assistant in the Horace Mann School, and that Martha F. Metcalf be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Annie E. Bond.

Martha F. Metcalf, substitute.

Mr. Gaffield, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide more suitable accommodations for the Horace Mann School.

Horace Mann School; more suitable accommodations for.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Mr. Rust, for the Committee on Accounts, presented the following statement: —

Statement of Committee on Accounts; Appropriations and Expenditures.

OFFICE OF ACCOUNTS, MASON STREET, Feb. 26, 1884.

The Committee on Accounts present to the Board the appropriations, as made by the City Council, for the present financial year, together with the expenditures incurred, including the draft payable March 1, 1884, — being eleven months' payment of the present financial year.

Object of Appropriation.	Appropriation, 1883–84.	March Draft.	Expenditures, 11 months. 1883–84.	Balance Unexpended.
Salaries, instructors	$1,143,471	$100,584 85	$1,049,790 26	$93,680 74
Salaries, officers . .	58,940	4,901 66	53,918 32	5,021 68
School expenses. Salaries, janitors	84,000	7,161 56	76,168 21	7,831 79
School expenses. Fuel, gas, water	63,000	3,527 57	61,626 18	1,373 82
School expenses. Supplies & miscellaneous expenses . . .	108,650	7,388 80	92,262 28	16,387 72
Totals	$1,458,061	$123,564 44	$1,333,765 25	$124,295 75

The expenses for the corresponding eleven months of last year were as follows, viz.: Salaries of instructors, $1,029,623.06; salaries of officers, $52,290.31; salaries of janitors, $74,513.90; fuel, gas, and water, $57,480.40; supplies and miscellaneous expenses, $85,-006.28; making a total of $1,298,913.95.

For the Committee on Accounts,

WILLIAM A. RUST,
Chairman.

Placed on file.

Report of Committee on Accounts; payment of teachers absent and not employing substitutes.

Mr. Rust, for the same committee, submitted the following report: —

The Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred — Jan. 29, 1884, — an order that they consider and report what action, if any, is necessary whereby the interests of the city may be better protected in the matter of the payment of salaries to instructors who absent themselves from their duties without employing substitutes, as required by the Regulations of the Board, respectfully submit the following report: —

That they have considered the subject and invited fifteen principals representing the High, Grammar, and Evening Schools, to meet with them for the purpose of learning the custom now prevailing in the different grades of schools. The facts elicited at the hearing showed that, as a general rule, substitutes were employed whenever satisfactory ones could be obtained. It was learned that in the case of special teachers or regular teachers in special studies in the High Schools, and teachers of boys in the four upper classes of the Grammar Schools, it was almost impossible to procure substitutes who could hold the class and properly do the work. In a great many cases absences are not filled by substitutes, but, instead, the principal makes arrangements either to do the work himself or have it done by the other teachers in the school as his judgment dictates. In some of the outlying districts it was found that it usually takes one or more days to obtain substitutes; and in other districts it was admitted that substitutes are employed who do not hold the certificate from the Board of Supervisors, which is contrary to the Regulations. The reason given for this is the difficulty which principals find in obtaining substitutes from the list of eligible candidates kept in the office of the Board of Supervisors, and revised according to the latest information; and in view of this difficulty it would seem advisable to devise some other method for the better accommodation of the principals. Your committee would earnestly recommend to the Board of Supervisors that they give this matter careful consideration, with the hope that some arrangement may be made to obviate the difficulty.

The custom has prevailed for many years of paying the regularly elected instructor the full salary, the substitute being paid by the absentee. In case no substitute is employed the absent teacher, not the city, gets the benefit. While your committee believe that the Regulations intend that absent teachers shall pay to their substitutes the proportion fixed by the Board, out of their salary, they do not favor any change in the present Regulations of the Board on the subject. They would recommend, however, the passage of the accompanying orders, which would provide for presenting all the information bearing on the subject to the Committee on Accounts for them to decide whether or not the salary of the absent teacher should be withheld. In case the salary is withheld, the instructors would have the right to appeal to the Board if they desire.

In accordance with the foregoing report, your committee desire to present the following orders: —

Ordered, That principals shall return each month, with the payroll, a list containing the names of all instructors in their school or district who have been absent during the month, the number of days they have been absent, the names of the substitutes, and the number of days they served.

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts may, if in their judgment the interests of the city require it, withhold from any instructor absent without a proper substitute being employed the whole or any part of the salary which might otherwise be paid.

Accepted, and the orders passed.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cause additional windows to be placed in the Dorchester-Everett School-house, and to re-arrange the seats in a part of the rooms.

Dorchester-Everett School-house; additional windows, etc.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Davis, for the Committee on Supplies, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be authorized to exceed the appropriation for fuel, gas, and water for this year, viz., $63,000; it having been found that the balance remaining will be insufficient to meet the expenses for those items for the remainder of the year.

Committee authorized to exceed appropriation for fuel, gas, and water.

Report of Committee on Drawing and Music; extension of term of East Boston Evening Drawing School.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, to whom was referred — February 12 — a petition signed by 89 of the students of the East Boston Evening Drawing School, asking that the term of the school be extended, report that the school was not opened until Dec. 17, 1883, owing to the difficulty of obtaining suitable accommodations, and that it is very desirable that the term be extended in order to complete the course. When the appropriations were allowed for the year they did not include the expenses of a school in East Boston; so the present appropriation would not be sufficient to defray the expenses; and your committee recommend that authority be given to exceed the appropriation for Evening Drawing Schools, and report that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the term of the East Boston Evening Drawing School be extended to May 1, 1884, and that the Committee on Accounts be authorized to exceed the appropriation for Evening Drawing Schools.

Accepted, and the order passed under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, it was

Leave of absence to Edith A. Pope.

Anna L. Scallan, substitute.

Ordered, That leave of absence until April 1, 1884, be granted to Edith A. Pope, third assistant in the Shurtleff District, and that Anna L. Scallan be approved as her substitute.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to Laura J. Gerry.

Margaret M. Burns, substitute.

Ordered, That leave of absence until April 1, 1884, be granted to Laura J. Gerry, fourth assistant in the Lincoln District, and that Margaret M. Burns be approved as her substitute.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence until April 1, 1884, be granted to Abbie C. Burge, third assistant in the Lawrence District, and that Benson B. Banker be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Abbie C. Burge.

Benson B. Banker, substitute.

Mr. Gallagher offered the following: —

Whereas, There is now pending before the Legislature of Massachusetts, a bill requiring cities and towns in this Commonwealth to provide free text-books to pupils of the public schools; and whereas, the passage of such a law would greatly increase the tax levy of the City of Boston, unnecessarily;

Resolutions concerning free text-books.

Resolved, That, in the opinion of the School Board of the City of Boston, such legislation is uncalled for in this city, as all pupils unable to provide text-books are now provided with them at the expense of the city, without distinctive marks, and without knowledge to the pupils as to who hold free books and who do not.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to each member of the Senate, and to each member of the House of Representatives from the City of Boston.

Passed unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, it was

Ordered, That extended leave of absence until April 1, 1884, be granted to Harriet D. Hinckley, first assistant in the Prince District, and that Annie H. Gardner be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Harriet D. Hinckley.

Annie H. Gardner, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on School-houses consider the expediency of enlarging the Bowditch District.

Bowditch District; enlargement of.

On motion of Mr. Moran, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence until April 1, 1884,

Leave of ab-

sence to Emily H. Maxwell.

Nina G. Holton, substitute.

be granted to Emily H. Maxwell, third assistant in the Hillside District, and that Nina G. Holton be approved as her substitute.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the Board proceeded to the election of a Superintendent of Schools. The Chair appointed Messrs. Blake, Plummer, and Dacey a committee to collect, sort, and count the votes.

The committee having attended to that duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 18; necessary for a choice, under the rule, 13. There were 3 blanks; Edwin P. Seaver had 18 votes, and was accordingly declared elected as Superintendent of Schools for the term of two years, beginning March 1, 1884.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, it was

Salary of Superintendent of Schools.

Ordered, That the salary of the Superintendent of Schools be at the rate of $4,200 per annum, until otherwise ordered.

On motion of Mr. Gaffield, it was

Special assignment: election of Supervisors.

Ordered, That the election of a Board of Supervisors be especially assigned to the next regular meeting of this Board.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, it was

Leave of absence to Lucy E. Shove.

Alice H. Long, substitute.

Ordered, That leave of absence until April 1, 1884, be granted to Lucy E. Shove, third assistant in the Comins District, and that Alice H. Long be approved as her substitute.

Mr. Hobbs, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Salary of Helen P. Hall.

Ordered, That Helen P. Hall, second assistant, Primary Department, in the Dudley District, be placed upon the maximum salary of her grade to date from Nov. 12, 1883.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — February 12 — an order that Gertrude P. Davis, third assistant in the Minot District, be placed upon the maximum salary of her grade, reported that they have considered the subject, and recommend that the order ought not to pass.

Reports of Committee on Salaries; salary of Gertrude P. Davis.

Accepted.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred — from the files of last year — petitions from assistants of the Grammar and Primary Schools, asking for an increase in their salaries, reported that, after hearing the petitioners and carefully considering the subject, the committee are of the unanimous opinion that there should be no change in the salaries of these teachers, and recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Petitions for increase of salaries of assistants of Grammar and Primary Schools.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the salary of the assistant to the Auditing Clerk be fixed at the rate of $1,320, and that of the copyist, in both departments, at the rate of $1,000 per annum, from April 1, 1884, until otherwise ordered.

Salary of assistant to Auditing clerk; and copyist.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Salaries, presented the annual report of that committee [Doc. 1, 1884], containing a schedule of the salaries of instructors for the ensuing year, and recommending the passage of the following orders: —

Annual report of Committee on Salaries; salaries of instructors.

Ordered, That the salaries of instructors of the public schools be for the ensuing year as contained in the following schedule. [See Doc. 1, 1884.]

Ordered, That Masters elected as Principals of High Schools, whose average whole number for the preceding school year exceeds one hundred pupils, receive $288; Sub-masters, elected as Principals, $216; and First As-

sistants, elected as Principals, $72, each; in addition to the regular salary of the rank.

Accepted.

On motion of Miss Peabody, the first order was amended by striking out the following: —

"Principal Dillaway School, $2,280."

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, the first was further amended by inserting after "Head-masters, $3,780," the following: "Masters, $2,880."

The first ordered passed as amended.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, the second order was amended by inserting after the words "exceeds one hundred," the words, "and is less than one hundred and fifty."

The second order passed as amended.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, it was

Ordered, That a special committee of three be appointed to consider and report at the next meeting of this Board what reduction, if any, may be made in the work of the Board of Supervisors, so that the number of Supervisors may be lessened, and the character of their work changed.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Flint, Davis, and Moran as such committee.

Mr. Moran was excused from service on the committee at his request, and the Chair appointed Mr. Dacey on the committee in his stead.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the Board adjourned at ten minutes after nine o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

In School Committee, March 11, 1884.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Mr. Perkins.

On motion of Mr. Rust, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Report of Committee on Nominations; reëlection of subordinate instructors.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on Nominations, submitted in print a report nominating for reëlection the subordinate instructors of the several Normal, High, Grammar, and Primary Schools. (Doc. 2.)

Appended to the report was the following order, which the committee recommended ought to pass, under a suspension of the rules: —

Ordered, That extra teachers be allowed in those districts, where, from want of seating capacity, or to preserve the present classification, the Committee on Nominations, on the recommendation of the committees in charge, have included them in this report.

The report was accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules. The report was adopted as a whole, the nominations confirmed, and the subordinate teachers contained in the report of the committee (Doc. 2, 1884) were declared reëlected.

Reëlection of principals.

Mr. Cutter, for the same committee, submitted in print a report nominating for reëlection the principals of the several Normal, High, and Grammar Schools, for the school year 1884–85.

Accepted.

Secret session.

On motion of Mr. Darling, the doors were closed.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, the Board proceeded to ballot for principals of the Normal, High, and Grammar Schools.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Blake, Darling, and Williamson, as a committee to receive, sort, and count, the votes.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, the ballot was declared informal.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 23.

Normal School	Larkin Dunton, Head Master,	had 23
Rice Training School	Lucius A. Wheelock, Master,	" 21
Public Latin "	Moses Merrill, Head Master,	" 23
Girls' " "	John Tetlow, Master,	" 23
English High "	F. A. Waterhouse, Head Master,	" 23
Girls' High "	Homer B. Sprague, " "	" 19
East Boston High School	John O. Norris, Master,	" 23
Roxbury " "	Charles M. Clay, Master,	" 23
Dorchester " "	Elbridge Smith, Master,	" 23
Charlestown " "	Caleb Emery, Head Master,	" 23
W. Roxbury " "	George C. Mann, Master,	" 23
Brighton " "	Benjamin Wormelle, Master,	" 23

First Division.

Adams School	Frank F. Preble, Master,	had 19
Chapman "	George R. Marble, "	" 17
Emerson "	James F. Blackinton, Master,	" 15
Lyman "	Hosea H. Lincoln, "	" 23

Second Division.

Bunker Hill School	Samuel J. Bullock, Master,	had 16
" " "	William R. Morse, Master,	" 1
Frothingham "	Caleb Murdock, "	" 22
Harvard "	W. E. Eaton, "	" 23
Prescott "	Edwin T. Horne, "	" 23
Warren "	E. Bradford Gay, "	" 23

Third Division.

Bowdoin School	Daniel C. Brown, Master,	had 19
Eliot "	Samuel Harrington, Master,	" 22
Hancock "	James W. Webster, "	" 10

Hancock School	H. H. Kimball, Master,	had	7
Phillips "	Elias H. Marston, Master,	"	23
Wells "	Orlendo W. Dimick, "	"	23

FOURTH DIVISION.

Bowditch School	H. Winslow Warren, Sub-Master,	had	23
Brimmer "	Quincy E. Dickerman, Master,	"	23
Prince "	E. Bentley Young, "	"	22
Quincy "	George W. Neal, "	"	23
Winthrop "	Robert Swan, "	"	23

FIFTH DIVISION.

Dwight School	James A. Page, Master,	had	23
Everett "	Alfred Hewins, "	"	23
Franklin "	Granville B. Putnam, Master,	"	18
Sherwin "	Silas C. Stone, "	"	21

SIXTH DIVISION.

Andrew School	Joshua M. Dill, Master,	had	23
Bigelow "	Thomas H. Barnes, "	"	23
Gaston "	C. Goodwin Clark, "	"	17
Lawrence "	Amos M. Leonard, "	"	23
Lincoln "	Alonzo G. Ham, "	"	23
Norcross "	Fred. O. Ellis, "	"	23
Shurtleff "	Henry C. Hardon, "	"	23

SEVENTH DIVISION.

Comins School	Charles W. Hill, Master,	had	22
Dearborn "	Harlan P. Gage, "	"	23
Dillaway "	Sarah J. Baker, Master,	"	23
Dudley "	Leverett M. Chase, Master,	"	23
George Putnam School	Henry L. Clapp, Sub-Master,	"	22
Lewis "	William L. P. Boardman, Master,	"	22
Lowell "	Daniel W. Jones, "	"	16
" "	William R. Morse, "	"	1

EIGHTH DIVISION.

Allston School	G. W. M. Hall, Master,	had	23
Bennett "	Walter S. Parker, "	"	23
Central "	John T. Gibson, "	"	23
Charles Sumner School	Artemus Wiswall, Sub-Master,	"	22
Hillside "	Albert F. Ring, Master,	"	23
Mount Vernon "	Abner J. Nutter, Sub-Master,	"	23

NINTH DIVISION.

Dorchester-Everett School,	Henry B. Miner, Master,	had	23
Gibson "	William E. Endicott, "	"	22
Harris "	N. Hosea Whittemore, Sub-Master,	"	23
Mather "	Edward Southworth, Master,	"	23
Minot "	Joseph T. Ward, Jr., Sub-Master,	"	23
Stoughton "	Edward M. Lancaster, "	"	23
Tileston "	Hiram M. George, First Assistant,	"	23

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, the ballot was declared formal.

Principals re-elected.

The principals, as reported by the committee, with the exception of James W. Webster, master of the Hancock School, having received more than thirteen votes, the number required under the rules to elect, were declared reëlected for the terms specified.

Special assignment; election of master of Hancock School.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, the election of a master for the Hancock School was specially assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

Reëlection special assistants, Primary Schools.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following special assistant teachers for reëlection, to date from April 1, 1884: —

Dorchester-Everett District. — Annie N. Darling and Helen L. Hilton; *Franklin District.* — Delia L. Viles; *Gibson District.* — Emma A. Cochran; *Hancock District.* — Anna B. Grimes; *Stoughton District.* — Maria A. Shields.

Accepted.

Reëlection special instructors in Military Drill and Calisthenics.

Mr. Cutter, for the same committee, on the recommendation of the Committee on High Schools, reported the following nominations for reëlection, for the school year 1884–5: —

Instructor in Military Drill. — Hobart Moore.

Instructors in Calisthenics. — *Girls' Latin School.* Mary A. Currier. — *Girls' High School.* — Ellen M. Dyer.

Accepted, and the nominations unanimously confirmed.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the doors were opened.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the following orders appended to the report of the Committee on Truant Officers, presented to the Board, Nov. 27, 1883 (See Minutes, 1883, pp. 204-207), were taken from the files of last year, and considered: —

Truant cards to be used in notifying truant officers.

Ordered, That, in notifying the truant officers of the need of their services, the teachers of the public schools shall use the truant card only, on which the details in each case shall be clearly stated.

Removal of Truant School from Deer Island.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to remove the Truant School from Deer Island to some more suitable location; and that an industrial department be established in connection with the Truant School.

The first order passed.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the second order was amended by striking out all after the words "suitable location," and inserting in place thereof the words "and to establish an industrial department in connection with the Truant School."

The second order passed as amended.

Mr. Flint, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following: —

East Boston High School accommodations.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to make such changes in the upper stories of the old Lyman School building as will make it more convenient for the occupancy of the East Boston High School.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, it was

Revised Ordinances for members of the School Board.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to furnish to each member of the School Board a copy of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Boston.

Annual School Report.

Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on Annual Report,

presented in print the Annual Report of the School Committee for the year 1883.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, for the same committee, it was

Edition of Annual Report.

Ordered, That five thousand copies of the Annual School Report be printed.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on the Second Division, offered the following: —

New Primary School-house, Prescott District.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to erect a four-room Primary School building, on land owned by the city, in the rear of the Prescott School, instead of fitting up the old one-room building, as contemplated in the order passed by this Board, Feb. 12, 1884.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Mr. Plummer offered the following: —

Committee on Nominations to report candidates for office of supervisor.

Ordered, That the Committee on Nominations be instructed to report, at the next meeting of the Board, a list of names of candidates, not exceeding ten in number, for the office of supervisor.

On motion of Mr. Gaffield, the order was laid on the table.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Hyde, the order was taken from the table and passed.

Report of special committee on number and work of supervisors.

Mr. Flint, for the special committee appointed — Feb. 26 — to consider and report what reduction, if any, may be made in the work of the Board of Supervisors, so that the number of supervisors may be lessened and the character of their work changed, reported that, in their opinion, no reduction can be made in the work of the supervisors, so that their number may be lessened, without detriment to the interests of the schools.

Mr. Gallagher moved that the following order be substituted for the report of the committee: —

Ordered, That the number of supervisors of schools be fixed at four, and that the Rules and Regulations be so amended that the duties required of them shall conform to this number.

Number of supervisors; reduction to four proposed.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, the whole subject was specially assigned for consideration to the next meeting of the Board.

Special assignment.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the report of the committee, and the order proposed as a substitute, were ordered to be printed.

Report of special committee to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher it was

Ordered, That a special meeting of this Board be held on Tuesday evening next, at seven and one-half o'clock.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School-houses, to whom were referred, with full powers, — Jan 29 and Feb. 12, — orders relating to additional sanitary accommodations in the Mount Vernon School-house; and additional Primary-School accommodations in the Franklin, Gaston, and Lincoln Districts, reported that these orders had been duly considered, and forwarded to the City Council.

Report of the Committee on School-houses; sanitary accommodations in Mt. Vernon School-house; additional Primary-School accommodations in the Franklin, Gaston, and Lincoln Districts.

Accepted.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — from the files of last year — the order concerning additional Grammar-School accommodations in the Dearborn District, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Additional Grammar-School accommodations in the Dearborn District.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to erect a fourteen-room Grammar school-house, at some point between the Dearborn and Dorchester-Everett Schools; to relieve the present pressing demands of the Dearborn District, and the immediate prospective overflow of the Dorchester-Everett District.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Additional Grammar-School accommodations in the Bennett District.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 12 — an order concerning additional Grammar-School accommodations in the Bennett District, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to erect an addition to the present Bennett Grammar School-house, containing from four to six roooms.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Salary of Sarah J. Baker.

Ordered, That Sarah J. Baker, elected master of the Dillaway School, be placed upon the maximum salary of her grade, to date from April 1, 1884.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Death of Annie E. Bond.

Mr. Gaffield, for the Committee on the Horace Mann School, reported the death of Annie E. Bond, late first assistant in the Horace Mann School.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Gaffield, for the same committee, it was

Payment of salary of Annie E. Bond.

Ordered, That the salary of Annie E. Bond, late first assistant in the Horace Mann School, be paid to Edward P. Bond.

Resignation of Ella C. Jordan.

Mr. Gaffield, for the same committee, reported the resignation of Ella C. Jordan, assistant in the Horace Mann School, to take effect March 3, 1884.

Accepted.

Nomination of teachers in Horace Mann School.

Mr. Gaffield, for the same committee, reported the following nomination of teachers in Horace Mann School: Ella C. Jordan, first assistant; Martha F. Metcalf, temporary assistant; to date from March 3, 1884.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

Special assignment; election of supervisors.

On motion of Mr. Gaffield, the election of supervisors, specially assigned for this meeting, was specially assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

On motion of Mr. Rust, the Board adjourned at twenty minutes past ten o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES, *Secretary*.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, March 18, 1884.

A special meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Cutter, Doherty, and Hobbs.

On motion of Mr. Darling, for the Committee on the Third Division, it was

Ordered, That the subject of the reëlection of the master of the Hancock School be recommitted to the Committee on the Third Division, with instructions to report at their earliest opportunity.

Election of master of Hancock School.

On motion of Mr. Flint, the special assignment — being the Report of the Special Committee on the number and work of the supervisors, and the substitute order for the report — was considered.

Special assignment: Report of Special Committee on number and work of supervisors. Proposition to reduce the number of supervisors to four.

Mr. Gallagher moved that the order, as follows, be substituted for the report: —

Ordered, That the number of supervisors of schools be fixed at four, and that the Rules and Regulations be so amended that the duties required of them shall conform to this number.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher the yeas and nays were ordered.

Mr. Gallagher's motion to substitute the order for the report was lost by the following vote: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas. — Messrs. Darling, Elliott, Gallagher, Hyde, and Lasker. — 5.

Nays. — The Mayor, Mrs Fifield, Miss Peabody, and Messrs. Blake, Chapin, Crowley, Dacey, Davis,

Flint, Gaffield, Moran, Murphy, Naphen, Perkins, Plummer, Rust, and Williamson. — 17.

On motion of Mr. Flint, the report of the special committee on number and work of supervisors was accepted.

Report of Committee on Nominations; candidates for supervisors.

Mr. Davis, for the Committee on Nominations, who were instructed — March 11 — to report, at the next meeting of the Board, a list of names of candidates, not exceeding ten in number, for the office of supervisor, reported the following list of candidates. The order in which the names are placed is not intended to indicate the preference of the committee : —

Samuel W. Mason, Lucretia Crocker, Ellis Peterson, Robert C. Metcalf, Lyman R. Williston, John Kneeland, Winslow Battles, George H. Conley, Thomas Flatley, George A. Littlefield.

Accepted.

Ballot for supervisors.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the Board proceeded to ballot for six supervisors.

Informal ballot.

On motion of Mr. Darling, it was voted that the ballot be an informal one.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Blake, Perkins, and Gaffield as a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes. The committee, having attended to that duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 22. Samuel W. Mason had 16 ; Lucretia Crocker had 10 ; Ellis Peterson had 15 ; Robert C. Metcalf had 19 ; Lyman R. Williston had 10 ; John Kneeland had 17 ; Winslow Battles had 8 ; George H. Conley had 11 ; Thomas Flatley had 8 ; George A. Littlefield had 10.

Mr. Gaffield moved that the doors be closed.

Mr. Naphen moved as a substitute that the Board proceed to a formal ballot for six supervisors.

The motion to substitute passed.

The motion to proceed to ballot passed.

The Chair appointed the same committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The results of the several ballots were as follows: — Ballots for supervisors.

	1st Ballot.	2d Ballot.	3d Ballot.	4th Ballot.
Whole number of votes	22	21	22	22
Necessary for a choice	13	13	13	13
Samuel W. Mason	17	....	....	....
Lucretia Crocker	12	12	12	13
Ellis Peterson	17	....	....	....
Robert C. Metcalf	19	....	....	....
Lyman R. Williston	11	11	14	....
John Kneeland	15	....	....	....
Winslow Battles	7	....	1	....
George H. Conley	10	11	8	8
Thomas Flatley	6	3	2	....
George A. Littlefield	8	5	6	1
James A. Page	1	1	....	....

[Two other ballots were declared null and void on account of misunderstanding in depositing ballots.]

Samuel W. Mason, Lucretia Crocker, Ellis Peterson, Robert C. Metcalf, Lyman R. Williston, and John Kneeland were declared elected as supervisors, for the term of two years from April 1, 1884. Supervisors elected.

Mr. Moran presented a petition, signed by John Donovan, and forty other citizens of the Brighton District, asking that the North Harvard-street Grammar School be reopened. Petition for re-opening the North Harvard-street Grammar School.

Referred to the Committee on the Eighth Division.

On motion of Mr. Rust, for the Committee on Accounts, it was

Payment of salary of janitor of Concord-street school-house.

Ordered, That the salary due Timothy F. Hagerty, deceased, late janitor of the Concord-street school-house, be paid to Hannah E. Hagerty.

On motion of Mr. Davis, it was

Extra edition of Report of Special Committee on number and work of supervisors.

Ordered, That five hundred additional copies of the Report of the Special Committee on number and work of supervisors (Doc. 3) be printed.

Reëlection of sewing teachers.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Sewing, reported for reëlection for the ensuing school year the following named instructors of sewing: —

Eliza A. Baxter, Catherine L. Bigelow, Elizabeth W. Boyd, Sarah J. Bray, Annie E. Brazer, Helen L. Burton, Catherine J. Cadogan, Eliza M. Cleary, Susan M. Cousens, Isabella Cumming, Kate A. Doherty, Anna J. Goodwin, Catherine G. Hosmer, Lizzie S. Kenna, Nellie I. Lincoln, Delia Mansfield, Catherine C. Nelson, Mary E. Patterson, M. Elizabeth Robbins, Martha A. Sargent, Julia A. Skilton, Sarah A. Stall, Frances E. Stevens, Lizzie A. Thomas, Emma A. Waterhouse, Mary A. Willis, Maria L. Young.

Accepted, and the instructors reëlected.

On motion of Mr. Rust, the Board adjourned at five minutes before ten o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, March 25, 1884.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Cutter, Gallagher, and Hobbs.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Report of Committee on Truant-Officers; nomination of truant-officers.

Mr. Moran, for the Committee on Truant-Officers, reported the following nominations of truant-officers for the school year 1884–85: Chase Cole, *chief;* Charles E. Turner, George M. Felch, George Murphy, James Bragdon, Abraham M. Leavitt, Edward F. Mccuen, Charles S. Wooffindale, Hannibal F. Ripley, Warren A. Wright, Dennis Moore, Jeremiah M. Swett, Samuel McIntosh, Warren J. Stokes, James P. Leeds, Richard W. Walsh, Sumner P. White, and William Sullivan.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

Mr. Moran, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Salaries of truant-officers.

Ordered, That the salary of the chief truant-officer be at the rate of $1,320 per annum, and that of the other truant-officers be at the rate of $1,200 per annum, to date from April 1, 1884.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Moran offered the following: —

Holiday, April 4.

Ordered, That there be no sessions of the public schools on Friday, April 4.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Reëlection of instructors in Schools for Licensed Minors.

Mr. Lasker, for the Committee on Schools for Licensed Minors, reported, for reëlection for the ensuing school year, the following-named instructors in those schools: —

North Margin-street School. — Sarah A. Brackett.

East-st. place School. — M. Persis Taylor.

Accepted, and the instructors reëlected.

Reëlection of instructors in Horace Mann School.

Mr. Gaffield, for the Committee on the Horace Mann School for the Deaf, reported, for reëlection for the ensuing school year, the following-named instructors in that school: —

Principal. — Sarah Fuller.

First Assistant. — Ella C. Jordan.

Assistants. — Kate D. Williams, Mary F. Bigelow, Sarah A. Jordan, Manella G. White, Ellen Shaw, and Hannah Merrill.

Accepted, and the subordinate teachers reëlected.

Letters of acceptance from supervisors.

The Chair presented letters of acceptance of the office of supervisor, from Miss Crocker, and Messrs. Mason, Peterson, Metcalf, Williston, and Kneeland, which were placed on file.

Appropriations and expenditures.

Mr. Rust, for the Committee on Accounts, presented the following statement: —

Office of Accounts, Mason St., March 25, 1884.

The Committee on Accounts present to the Board the appropriations, as made by the City Council, and the expenditures as incurred by the School Committee, for the present financial year; also, the expenditures for the past financial year.

Object of Appropriation.	Appropriation, 1883–84.	Expenditures, 1883–4.	Balance Unexpended.	Expenditures, 1882–83.
Salaries, instructors	$1,143,471	$1,147,863 23		$1,123,154 90
Salaries, officers . .	58,940	58,820 00		57,038 83
School expenses. Salaries, janitors	84,000	83,182 71		81,281 84
School expenses. Fuel, gas, water	63,000	66,068 59	$6,207 48	60,863 11
School expenses. Supplies & miscellaneous expenses . . .	108,650	95,918 99		90,927 91
Totals	$1,458,061	$1,451,853 52	$6,207 48	$1,413,266 59

Increase in the gross expenditures, as compared with last year, $38,586.93. The income, which includes collections to May 1, will amount to about $78,500, of which sum $49,000 will be received for books and materials sold to pupils; the amount received from pupils last year being $44,069.60.

For the Committee on Accounts,

WILLIAM A. RUST,
Chairman.

Placed on file.

Report of Committee on Accounts; additional estimate for free books.

Mr. Rust, for the same committee, offered the following report: —

OFFICE OF ACCOUNTS, March 20, 1884.

To the School Committee of the City of Boston: —

Under date of Feb. 6, 1884, the Committee on Accounts of the School Committee presented to the Board the Estimated Expenses of the Public Schools for the financial year 1884–85, which were approved and transmitted to the City Auditor. The estimates were based on the requirements of the schools as they then existed. The recent enactment of a law by the Legislature entitled "An Act to provide for the furnishing of Free Text-Books and Supplies to the Pupils of the Public Schools," changes the requirements materially; so that the estimates as presented under the head of School Expenses will not be sufficient to meet the wants of the schools in the manner provided by law. Under the head of Text-books, Reference-books, and Exchange of Books, your committee asked for the sum of $55,000; and from the information received from the Committee on Supplies, and after a careful consideration of the additional amounts which will be required under the new method, they are of the opinion that $60,000 additional will be needed. Under the head of Income, your committee estimated that the amount collected from the sale of books and supplies to pupils would be $42,000, and as the new law obliges cities and towns to furnish text-books and supplies free to pupils, it is not anticipated that any income will be derived from this source.

Your committee are of the opinion that the City Council should be notified of the additional amount required by the School Board, in order that they may have an opportunity to consider the subject, and take the necessary steps to provide an adequate amount for the support of the schools, and to include the same in the annual tax levy.

Your committee would recommend, therefore, that this communication be forwarded to the City Council, together with the accompanying orders: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to increase the Estimate presented by the School Committee, under the head of School Expenses, School Committee, by the addition of $60,000, that being the estimated additional amount required to meet the increased cost of furnishing text-books and supplies to pupils, under the law recently passed; thereby making the total amount requested under this head, $320,900, instead of $260,900.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to strike out, under the head of Income, the item "Sale of Books and Supplies, $42,000"; thus making the total estimated income, $25,000, instead of $67,000

For the Committee on Accounts,

WM. A. RUST,
Chairman.

Accepted, and the orders passed unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, it was

Salaries of Secretary and Auditing Clerk.

Ordered, That the salaries of the Secretary and Auditing Clerk of this Board be $2,880 each, per annum, beginning April 1, 1884.

On motion of Mr. Davis, it was

Reëxamination of diploma examination papers.

Ordered, That the Committee on Examinations be requested to consider whether the number of diploma examination papers now required to be re-examined by the supervisors can be reduced without detriment to the interests of the schools.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, it was

Special committee on work of Superintendent and Board of Supervisors.

Ordered, That a committee of five be appointed to take into consideration the method and work of the Superintendent and Board of Supervisors, and report if any improvement can be made therein.

Mr. Davis moved that the vote whereby the above order passed be reconsidered.

Lost.

Special committee appointed.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Murphy, Flint, Hyde, Dacey, and Miss Peabody, as such special committee.

Secret session.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, the doors were closed.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on the Third Division, to whom was recommitted the subject of an election of a master for the Hancock School, reported that the committee recommend the reëlection of James W. Webster as master of the Hancock School.

Report of Committee on Third Division on on election of master for the Hancock School.

Accepted.

After discussion, on motion of Mr. Blake, the Board proceeded to the election of a master of the Hancock School.

Ballot for master of Hancock School.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Blake, Chapin, and Plummer, as a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to their duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 21; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. Lewis H. Dutton had 1; H. H. Kimball had 1, and James W. Webster had 19, and was accordingly declared reëlected as master of the Hancock School.

James W. Webster elected.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, it was

Committee on Drawing and Music granted further time to report nomination of Director of Drawing, and Special Instructors in Music.

Ordered, That the Committee on Drawing and Music be granted further time in which to present the nominations for Director of Drawing, and Special Instructors in Music.

Mr. Perkins, for the same committee, reported the following nominations of teachers of Evening Drawing Schools for the school-year 1884–85: —

Election of instructors of Evening Drawing Schools.

Head Assistant. — Robert Vounoh.

Assistants. — Anson K. Cross, A. Hun Berry.

Accepted, and the instructors reëlected.

On motion of Mr. Rust, the doors were opened.

On motion of Mr. Doherty, it was

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide the School Committee chamber with electric lights.

Electric lights for School Committee chamber.

Petition from principals for abolishing the annual exhibitions in June.

Mrs. Fifield presented a petition, signed by forty-three of the principals of the public schools of this city, that the annual June exhibitions of the graduating classes may be abolished. The reasons stated by the petitioners are: (1.) Coming in the hottest weather, and immediately after the strain and excitement attendant upon the written examinations for graduation and promotion, we believe that they endanger, to a greater or less degree, the health of the pupils. (2.) The time that must be given to their preparation cannot well be spared at the season when they occur. The master and his assistants are busy examining papers, teaching must go on continuously, in order to complete the programme of work, and, in addition to these labors, the principal must arrange for the annual promotions throughout the Grammar and Primary buildings. (3.) It is a question whether any good comes from these exhibitions to children, parents, or the community. If there is it will be attained quite as surely, we think, and at less expense of money and time, through the exhibitions now held in February, and the visitation days.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Text-book in Mental Arithmetic.

Mr. Chapin presented the following: —

At the meeting of the Board, Feb. 19, 1884, the following order was passed, —

Ordered, That the masters of the Grammar Schools submit to this Board, either individually or in such manner as they may deem best, their opinions in regard to placing the mental arithmetic in the hands of the pupils like any other text-book in our schools.

To facilitate the return of the desired information the principals were requested to send replies to the following question: "In your opinion, is it, or is it not, desirable to place a text-book in mental arithmetic in the hands of each pupil, as other text-books are placed?'

The replies are as follows: Thirty-two principals think it is desirable to place a text-book in mental arithmetic in the hands of each pupil; one principal thinks it is desirable, if compelled to use the

adopted book; one principal thinks that either a book should be so placed or a number of sets of books furnished; one principal is not particular; one thinks it is immaterial; and fifteen principals think it is not desirable to place the book in the hands of each pupil.

At the time the above information was obtained, the principals were also requested to state in what classes, in their opinion, it is desirable to use a text-book in mental arithmetic. Forty principals think it should be used in all the classes; two principals think it should be so used occasionally only; one thinks it should be used in classes 1 and 2; one thinks it should be used in classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5; two think it should be used in classes 2, 3, 4, 5, 6; one thinks it should be used in classes 3, 4, 5, 6; one thinks it should be used in classes 4, 5, 6; and three principals make no reply to this question.

Mr. Chapin offered the following: —

Ordered, That Greenleaf's Mental Arithmetic be hereafter placed in the hands of pupils in such classes as it shall be deemed advisable to be taught.

Greenleaf's Mental Arithmetic to be placed in the hands of each pupil.

Mr. Blake moved that the statement presented be printed, and the subject specially assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

Mr. Davis moved as a substitute, that the answers of the masters, the statement, and the order presented, be referred to the Committee on Examinations.

The motion to substitute passed.

Mr. Davis's motion passed.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the Board adjourned at fifteen minutes past nine o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

In School Committee, April 8, 1884.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: all the members, except Messrs. Doherty, Elliott, Hyde, and Naphen.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignations of teachers.

Adams District. — Anna E. Reed, fourth assistant, April 1, 1884.

Andrew District. — Ella A. Orr, and Martha L. Moody, fourth assistants, May 1, 1884.

Chapman District. — Hannah F. Crafts, fourth assistant, April 1, 1884.

Lyman District. — Nellie L. Poole, Angelina M. Cudworth, Anna I. Duncan, fourth assistants, April 1, 1884.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANT, PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Special assistant, Primary School.

Mt. Vernon District. — Mary E. McDonald, from Feb. 1, 1884.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Girls' High School. — Sarah J. C. Needham, assistant, from April 2, 1884.

Allston District. — May L. Gooch, fourth assistant, from March 3 to 31, 1884, inclusive.

Harvard District. — Eudora F. Sumner, third assistant, from March 3, 1884.

Lawrence District. — Ellen E. Leary, third assistant, from Feb. 5, 1884.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Nominations of teachers.

Adams District. — Anna E. Reed, second assistant, Primary Department, from April 1, 1884.

Allston District. — May L. Gooch, fourth assistant, from April 1, 1884.

Andrew District. — Emma M. Cleary, fourth assistant, sixth year, from May 1, 1884; Laura M. Young, fourth assistant, from May 1, 1884.

Chapman District. — Hannah F. Crafts, second assistant, Primary Department, from April 1, 1884.

Lyman District. — Anna I. Duncan and Nellie L. Poole, second assistants, Primary Department, from April 1, 1884; Fidelia D. Merrick, fourth assistant, third year, from April 1, 1884.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Bunker Hill District. — Jennie F. White, fourth assistant.

Warren District. — Anna M. Pond, third assistant.

Wells District. — Elizabeth Campbell, fourth assistant.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on the Third Division, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence until Sept. 1, 1884, be granted to Marie L. Macomber, second assistant in the Hancock District.

Leave of absence to Marie L. Macomber.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That extended leave of absence, until Sept. 1, 1884, be granted to Barbara C. Farrington, second assistant, Primary Department, in the Bowdoin District, on account of ill-health.

Leave of absence to Barbara C. Farrington.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Manual Training School, reported the nomination of George Smith as instructor in that school, to date from March 1, 1884.

Election of George Smith, instructor in Manual Training School.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed.

Mr. Perkins, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the salary of George Smith, elected instructor of the Manual Training School, be at the rate of $1,200 per annum.

Salary of George Smith.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, reported for reëlection for the ensuing school year, Henry Hitchings, Director of Drawing.

Election of Director of Drawing.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, the Board proceeded to ballot for a Director of Drawing.

Ballot.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Lasker, Cutter, and Dacey as a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes. The committee, having attended to that duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 19; necessary for a choice, under the rule, 13. Henry Hitchings had 19 votes, and was accordingly declared elected Director of Drawing.

Henry Hitchings elected.

Mr. Perkins, for the same committee, reported the following nominations of special teachers in music for the ensuing school year: —

Instructors in music, nomination of.

High Schools. — Julius Eichberg, from April 1, 1884.

Grammar and Primary Schools. — Joseph B. Sharland, Hosea E. Holt, and J. M. Mason, from April 1, 1884; Henry G. Carey, from Sept. 1, 1884.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the vote whereby the report was accepted was reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the report was laid on the table.

Mr. Moran offered the following: —

Instructors of music to illustrate their methods of teaching.

Ordered, That the Director of Music and his assistants be requested to appear before the Committee on Music, and the Board of Supervisors, to explain and illustrate their methods of teaching music, with a view to improving the instruction in this branch of study in the public schools.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the order was laid on the table, by a vote of 11 to 8.

Mr. Moran offered the following: —

Text-books in Drawing.

Ordered, That the Committee on Text-books be requested to present to the Board, when making their annual report, a series of text-books on drawing, better adapted to the requirements of the teaching of drawing in the public schools of Boston than the series now in use.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the order was referred to the Committee on Drawing and Music, with instructions to report at the next meeting of the Board.

On motion of Mr. Moran, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, it was

Leave of absence

Ordered, That extended leave of absence until Sep-

tember 1, 1884, be granted to Emily H. Maxwell, third assistant in the Hillside District, and that Kate F. Lyons be approved as her substitute.

to Emily H. Maxwell.
Kate F. Lyons, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Moran, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, it was

Ordered, That extended leave of absence until September 1, 1884, be granted to Kate E. Blanchard, third assistant in the Franklin District, and that Nellie J. Breed be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Kate E. Blanchard.
Nellie J. Breed, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Moran, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That extended leave of absence until September 1, 1884, be granted to Sarah E. Crocker, fourth assistant in the Dwight District, and that Kittie Wark be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Sarah E. Crocker.
Kittie Wark, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Moran, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That extended leave of absence until September 1, 1884, be granted to Elizabeth J. Brown, third assistant in the Franklin District, and that Ida F. Taylor be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Elizabeth J. Brown.
Ida F. Taylor, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Moran, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That extended leave of absence, until September 1, 1884, be granted to Abby M. Holder, third assistant in the Franklin District, and that Emma G. Brown be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Abby M. Holder.
Emma G. Brown, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, it was

Ordered, That extended leave of absence, until July 1, 1884, be granted to George W. Neal, master of the Quincy School, on account of continued ill-health.

Leave of absence to George W. Neal.

On motion of Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Textbooks, it was

Committee on Text-books granted further time to prepare annual report.

Ordered, That the Committee on Text-books be granted further time in which to present their annual report.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, it was

Leave of absence to Abbie C. Burge.
Kate Haushalter, substitute.

Ordered, That leave of absence, until June 1, 1884, be granted to Abbie C. Burge, third assistant in the Lawrence District, and that Kate Haushalter be approved as her substitute.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to Sarah M. Tripp.
A. D. Sutherland, substitute.

Ordered, That extended leave of absence until Sept. 1, 1884, be granted to Sarah M. Tripp, third assistant in the Lincoln District, and that A. Delancey Sutherland be approved as her substitute.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to Mary E. Balch.
Elizabeth A. Souther, substitute.

Ordered, That extended leave of absence until Sept. 1, 1884, be granted to Mary E. Balch, second assistant in the Lincoln District, and that Elizabeth A. Souther be approved as her substitute.

Mr. Gallagher, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Salary of Louise A. Pieper.

Ordered, That Louise A. Pieper, third assistant in the Lincoln District, receive credit for one additional year of service.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on the First Division, it was

Leave of absence to Grace M. Remick.
Mary E. Williams, substitute.

Ordered, That leave of absence until June 1, 1884, be granted to Grace M. Remick, third assistant in the Adams District, and that Mary E. Williams be approved as her substitute.

Report of the Committee on

Mr. Flint, for the Committee on Rules and Regula-

tions, to whom was referred — March 25 — a petition of forty-three masters for the abolition of the school exhibitions, submitted the following report: —

Rules and Regulations; annual school exhibitions.

The committee gave a hearing to the petitioners and others, from which it appeared that the objections to exhibitions as they are now held, are, that they occupy too much time in preparation, and are attended with more or less wear and tear upon both teachers and pupils. The committee are inclined to think that these objections can be greatly obviated, if not entirely removed, by requiring greater simplicity, and shortening the time to be occupied, while still preserving some formality, and furnishing a suitable opportunity for the distribution of diplomas and prizes. The recent institution of a recognized visitation day offers a sufficient means of exhibiting to parents and others the practical working of the school, and the methods of instruction, so that this feature now required by the Regulations as a part of the graduating exercises need not be continued.

The committee recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows, —

Section 203. In the first line, substitute the words "graduating exercises" for the word "exhibitions." Strike out all after the words "by the secretary," in the sixth line, to and including the words "of the singing but," in the twelfth line, and insert in place thereof the following: "The pupils' part in the graduating exercises shall not occupy more than one hour, and shall consist of singing, reading, and such other exercises of a simple kind as grow naturally out of the studies pursued during the year. With the exception of singing, the gradu-

ating exercises in all the schools shall be confined to the graduating classes, and."

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, it was

Leave of absence to E. Isabelle Bense.

Ordered, That extended leave of absence, until May 1, 1884, be granted to E. Isabelle Bense, fourth assistant in the Mather District.

Ballot for principal of Horace Mann School.

On motion of Mr. Gaffield, the Board proceeded to ballot for a principal of the Horace Mann School for the Deaf.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Lasker, Cutter, and Dacey a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes. The committee, having attended to that duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 20; necessary for a choice, under the rule, 13. There was one blank.

Sarah Fuller elected principal of the Horace Mann School.

Sarah Fuller had 20 votes, and was accordingly declared reëlected principal of the Horace Mann School for the ensuing school year.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on the Second Division, it was

Leave of absence to Cally E. Gary.

Elizabeth J. Donaldson, substitute.

Ordered, That extended leave of absence, until September 1, 1884, be granted to Cally E. Gary, third assistant in the Harvard District, and that Elizabeth J. Donaldson be approved as her substitute.

Committee on Annual School Festival.

The Chair appointed the following committee to make arrangements for, and to take charge of, the annual school festival: Messrs. Rust, Blake, Cutter, Gallagher, and Mrs. Fifield.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the Board adjourned at fifteen minutes before nine o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, April 22, 1884.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members, except Messrs. Blake, Darling, Lasker, and Naphen.

On motion of Mr. Rust, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The following order was read a second time: —

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows: — Amendments to Regulations; Exhibitions of schools.

Section 203. In the first line, substitute the words "graduating exercises" for the word "exhibitions." Strike out all after the words "by the secretary," in the sixth line, to and including the words "of the singing but," in the twelfth line, and insert in place thereof the following: "The pupils' part in the graduating exercises shall not occupy more than one hour, and shall consist of singing, reading, and such other exercises of a simple kind as grow naturally out of the studies pursued during the year. With the exception of singing, the graduating exercises in all the schools shall be confined to the graduating classes, and."

Passed.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Reports of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Girls' High School. — Ellen M. Dyer, special teacher of vocal and physical culture, April 1, 1884. Resignation of teachers.

Central District. — Martha M. Sias, third assistant, April 21, 1884.

Mt. Vernon District. — Nellie J. Kiggen, fourth assistant, April 21, 1884.

Rice District. — Uleyetta Williams, third assistant, March 31, 1884.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANT, PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Special assistant, Primary School.

Dorchester-Everett District. — Fannie M. Cartwright, from March 17, 1884.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Latin School. — Henry C. Jones, junior-master, from March 19, 1884.

Dearborn District. — Mary J. Mohan, third assistant, from March 3, 1884.

Dudley District. — Lucy G. M. Card, third assistant, from Feb. 4, 1884.

Mt. Vernon District. — Mary E. McDonald, fourth assistant, from April 22, 1884.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Nomination of teachers.

Charlestown High School. — Abbie F. Nye, assistant, from April 1, 1884.

Central District. — Nellie J. Kiggen, third assistant, from April 22, 1884.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Allston District. — Jessie W. Kelly, fourth assistant.

Dearborn District. — Mary A. P. Cross, second assistant, Primary Department.

Prince District. — Sylvester Brown, sub-master.

Accepted.

TRANSFERS.

Transfer of a teacher.

Lowell District. — Fannie E. Wincheli, fourth assistant, to the same position in the George Putnam District, to date from May 1, 1884.

Accepted.

Reëlection of W. Bertha Hintz.

Mr. Cutter, for the same committee, upon the recommendation of the Committee on the Normal School, reported the following nomination of a teacher for reëlection for the school year 1884–85: —

Normal School. — W. Bertha Hintz, special teacher of illustrative drawing, penmanship, and elementary methods, from April 1, 1884.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the term of the East Boston Evening Drawing School close on Thursday evening, May 1, 1884.

Close of term of East Boston Evening Drawing School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, it was

Ordered, That Julius Eichberg, formerly director of music, and J. B. Sharland, H. E. Holt, and J. M. Mason, formerly special instructors of music, be continued in the service as special instructors of music from April 1, 1884, until otherwise ordered, at the salary fixed by the Board for the position, namely $2,640 per annum.

Instructors in music continued in service.

Mr. Perkins, for the same committee, presented a report upon the subject of special instructors of music.

Report of the Committee on Drawing and Music; special instructors in music.

Mr. Perkins moved that the report be printed, and specially assigned for consideration to eight o'clock of the next regular meeting of the Board.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the motion was amended by inserting after the word "printed," the following, "and placed in the hands of the Board as soon as possible."

The motion of Mr. Perkins, as amended, passed.

Mr. Perkins, for the same committee, who were instructed — April 8 — to report at the next meeting "a series of text-books better adapted to the requirements of the teaching of drawing in the public schools of Boston, than the series now in use," reported that long consideration of the subject has convinced them that the adoption of any other of the many series available would not lead to satisfactory results.

Text-books in drawing.

The committee have not changed their opinion, as ex-

pressed in print in 1881, when the Board saw fit to adopt the series now in use, that the books needed considerable revision, simplification, and curtailment; but now, as then, they consider them as, in the main, superior to any other available series. They would consequently advise, what they advised three years back, that the publishers be requested to do what they then professed their willingness to do, *if the Drawing Committee would assume the educational responsibility*, — namely, to remodel the present series of text-books in accordance with the views and wishes of the Drawing Committee. The committee have reason to believe that the publishers are ready to take this course, which they believe would result in securing for the Boston schools what is needed. As, however, some considerable time must elapse before the process of revision can be carried through, they would recommend that the use of the text-books be continued for the present, with the understanding that the work of revision shall be immediately commenced, and carried through as speedily as possible. To this end the committee recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That the series of text-books of Drawing now in use be adopted for use during the ensuing school year, on condition that the publishers agree, before its expiration, either to prepare a new series, or to revise the old, in accordance with the views of the Committee on Drawing and Music, which they can conscientiously recommend to the Board for adoption.

Accepted, and the order referred to the Committee on Text-books.

On motion of Mr. Flint, for the Committee on High Schools, it was

Annual parade

Ordered, That the annual parade of the school

regiment, be appointed for Friday, May 16, and that May 28 and 29 be appointed for the prize exhibitions in military drill.

School regiment; prize exhibitions in military drill.

On motion of Mr. Davis, for the Committee on Supplies, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be permitted to furnish to the schools, at their discretion, such supplementary reading as is in stock, whether now authorized or not, when requests for the same are received from principals.

Supplementary reading.

Mr. Cutter presented a communication, signed by Mrs. L. C. Pennell, calling the attention of the Board to a device for ventilation.

Device for ventilation.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — January 29 — an order concerning compensation to Earle G. Greenleaf, for services rendered as assistant of the Evening High School, reported that Mr. Greenleaf was engaged, November 15, 1882, under the authority of the Committee on Evening Schools, as teacher of penmanship in the Evening High School. After Mr. Greenleaf's service had begun it was discovered that he did not hold a certificate of qualification from the Board of Supervisors. The necessary steps were taken, and the Board of Supervisors were requested to specially examine Mr. Greenleaf for a certificate of qualification to teach penmanship. As the result of his examination, the Board of Supervisors, February 9, 1883, voted not to grant Mr. Greenleaf a certificate. Mr. Greenleaf continued in service, with the authority of the committee in charge, until February 23, 1883. While your committee must report, that, in their judgment, the employment of Mr. Greenleaf was not in accordance with the Rules and Regulations, yet

Report of Committee on Salaries; compensation to Earle G. Greenleaf.

they are of the opinion, that as he was employed under the authority of a committee of the Board, and his service rendered, it is but just that he should be paid for his work. The committee, therefore, recommend the passage of the following order, under a suspension of the rules : —

Ordered, That the sum of one hundred and sixty dollars be paid to Earle G. Greenleaf, for forty evenings' service as assistant in the Evening High School, during the term of 1882-83.

Rules suspended.

Accepted, and the order passed under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred — March 25 — an order relative to the salaries of truant-officers, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Salaries of truant-officers.

Ordered, That the salary of the chief truant-officer be at the rate of $1,320 per annum, and that of the other truant-officers be at the rate of $1,200 per annum, to date from April 1, 1884.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, it was

Leave of absence to Martha A. Smith.

Sybel G. Brown, substitute.

Ordered, That leave of absence until Sept. 1, 1884, be granted to Martha A. Smith, second assistant in the Sherwin District, and that Sybel G. Brown be approved as her substitute.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to Frank A. Morse.

John R. Morse, substitute.

Ordered, That leave of absence until Sept. 1, 1884, be granted to Frank A. Morse, sub-master of the Sherwin District, and that John R. Morse be approved as his substitute.

Miss Peabody, for the Committee on Examinations, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, the order concerning the amendment of Sect. 232, relative to the time for musical instruction and practice in the schools, reported that it was inexpedient to legislate.

Reports of the Committee on Examinations; time for musical instruction and practice.

Accepted.

Miss Peabody, for the same committee, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, an order relative to the formation of "Bands of Mercy" in the public schools, reported that they have considered the matter, and recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That any teacher wishing to form a "Band of Mercy" in his or her school may do so, provided that no money shall be required, and no time taken which will interfere with the regular studies.

Forming Bands of Mercy in the schools.

Accepted, and the order laid on the table.

Miss Peabody, for the same committee, to whom was referred — March 25 — the order relating to placing Greenleaf's Mental Arithmetic in the hands of the pupils, reported as follows: — The committee recommend that no mental arithmetic be put into the hands of the pupils as a text-book, as they believe that when the book is thus used and the lessons are prepared beforehand, we no longer teach mental arithmetic, or, more properly, arithmetic at sight. One of the greatest advantages of this study, taught in the right way, is, that it trains children to understand the meaning of printed words at first reading, and to think promptly. If the lesson is studied in advance these advantages are evidently lost. Your committee would, therefore, advise that a reasonable number of sets (of sixty copies each) of Greenleaf's Mental Arithmetic, and of such other mental arithmetics as the Committee on Text-books shall recommend, be supplied to each school, in proportion to its size, to be used only during

Greenleaf's Mental Arithmetic.

the time of recitation. The committee believe that a greater scope and variety of instruction is obtained if more than one book is allowed during the school course, and the use of two books in this way will in no way interfere with the order of studies.

The report concluded with the statement that Mr. Hyde, a member of the committee, dissented from the opinions expressed.

The report was accepted.

Miss Peabody, for the same committee, offered the following order: —

Text-books in mental arithmetic.

Ordered, That a reasonable number of sets of Greenleaf's Mental Arithmetic, and such others as the Committee on Text-books shall approve, be supplied to each Grammar School, according to its size, for use in the various classes, but that the book be not put into the hands of the pupils as a text-book.

The Vice-President in the chair.

Mr. Crowley moved that the Superintendent be requested to state his opinion on the subject of mental arithmetic.

The motion was lost by a vote of 9 to 10.

After a lengthy discussion Mr. Gallagher moved the previous question.

The previous question was ordered by a vote of 10 to 9.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, the yeas and nays were ordered.

The order offered by the committee was lost by the following vote: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Mrs. Fifield, Miss Peabody, Messrs. Crowley, Davis, Flint, Gaffield, Moran, Perkins, and Williamson. — 9.

Nays: Messrs. Chapin, Cutter, Dacey, Doherty,

Elliott, Gallagher, Hobbs, Hyde, Plummer, and Rust. — 10.

Mr. Hyde offered the following: —

Ordered, That Greenleaf's Mental Arithmetic be used as a text-book in the four lower classes in the Grammar Schools.

Greenleaf's Mental Arithmetic.

Mr. Moran moved to lay the order on the table.

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Rust, the previous question was ordered.

Mr. Hyde's order passed.

On motion of Miss Peabody, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, it was

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to purchase an additional piece of land to extend the yard-room of the Dudley School-house.

Enlargement of yard of Dudley School.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

On motion of Miss Peabody, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That extended leave of absence until Sept. 1, 1884, be granted to Lucy E. Shove, third assistant in the Comins District, and that Eleanor F. Lang be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Lucy E. Shove.

Eleanor F. Lang, substitute.

On motion of Miss Peabody, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence until Sept. 1, 1884, be granted to Emma M. Waldock, fourth assistant in the Lowell District, and that Elsa L. Hobart be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Emma M. Waldock.

Elsa L. Hobart, substitute.

On motion of Miss Peabody, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence until Sept. 1, 1884, be granted to Isabel Shove, fourth assistant in the George Putnam District, and that Alice L. Williams be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Isabel Shove.

Alice L. Williams, substitute.

Reports of the Committee on School-houses; new primary school-house, Prescott District.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School-houses, to whom was referred — March 11 — an order concerning Primary-School accommodations in the Prescott District, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to erect a four-room Primary-School building, on land owned by the city, in the rear of the Prescott School, instead of fitting up the old one-room building, as contemplated in the order passed by this Board, Feb. 12, 1884.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 12 — an order for the erection of a new school-house in the Minot District, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

New Grammar school-house, Minot District.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to erect a new Grammar school-house of ten rooms and a hall, in the Minot District, near the present Grammar-School building.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred—March 11—an order concerning accommodations for the East Boston High School, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Alterations, East Boston High School.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to make such changes in the upper stories of the old Lyman-School building as will make it more convenient for the occupancy of the East Boston High School.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, the Board adjourned at twenty-five minutes past nine o'clock.

Attest :

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

In School Committee, May 13, 1884.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present, all the members, except Messrs. Doherty and Plummer.

On motion of Mr. Gaffield, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Report of the Committee on Nominations.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Special assistants, Primary Schools.

Comins District. — Mary E. W. Hagerty, from April 30, 1884.

Dearborn District. — Ida S. Hammerle, from April 30, 1884.

Emerson District. — Jennie A. Mayer, from April 21, 1884.

Lyman District. — Caroline E. Nutter, from April 28, 1884.

Prince District. — Anna K. Barry, from May 5, 1884.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHER.

Temporary teacher.

Lawrence District. — Ellen E. Leary, third assistant, from May 5, 1884.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Nomination of a teacher.

Harvard District. — Mary A. Lovering, third assistant, sixth year, from May 19, 1884.

Accepted.

Mr. Cutter, for the same committee, on recommendation of the Committee on High Schools, reported the following nomination: —

Nomination of Helen D. Baright.

Girls' High School. — Helen D. Baright, teacher of vocal and physical culture, to date from May 2, 1884.

Accepted, and the nomination unamiously confirmed.

On motion of Mr. Rust, it was

Committee on Accounts authorized to report in print.

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts have leave to report in print, and that seven hundred copies of the report be printed.

Mr. Rust, for the Committee on Accounts, offered the following: —

Use of school-houses for purposes other than the regular work of the schools.

Ordered, That, in absence of favorable action taken by the School Board, permission for the use of any building under the charge of the School Committee, for any purpose other than the regular daily work of the school, shall be granted only by the Committee on Accounts, upon a written request of the committee in charge.

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Blake, it was

Committee on Text-books authorized to report in print.

Ordered, That the Committee on Text-books be authorized to report in print.

Annual Report of the Committee on Text-books.

Special assignment.

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Text-books, presented the annual report of that committee in print [Doc. 6], which was specially assigned for consideration to eight o'clock of the next meeting of the Board.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on the Third Division, it was

Ordered, That Mrs. James Brown be allowed, as in former years, to make use of such rooms as she may require in the Sharp School-house for a vacation school; the same to be without expense to the city.

Sharp School-house; use of for a vacation school.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That Mrs. James Lodge be allowed, as in former years, to make use of such rooms as she may require in the Cushman School-house for a vacation school; the same to be without expense to the city.

Cushman School-house; use of for a vacation school.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Drawing and Music be authorized to hold an exhibition of the work of the Free Evening Drawing Schools, in the Drill Hall of the English High School building, during the first week in June.

Exhibition of work from Evening Drawing Schools.

On motion of Mr. Davis, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be authorized to report in print, and that six hundred copies of the report be printed.

Committee on Supplies authorized to report in print.

On motion of Mr. Davis, it was

Ordered, That two thousand additional copies of the report of the Superintendent of Schools (Doc. 4, 1884) be printed.

Edition of Superintendent's report.

On motion of Mr. Davis, for the Committee on Supplies, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be instructed to communicate with the publishers of the several text-books recommended by the Committee on Text-books for use during the coming year, for the purpose of ascertaining what the prices of the same will be, and to inquire as to the manner in which the books will be bound; and to report to the Board if, in their judgment,

Committee on Supplies to communicate with publishers of text-books concerning the prices and binding of the books recommended.

the prices, or the proposed binding of any of the books, are not satisfactory.

Mr. Moran offered the following: —

All books used in the public schools to be approved by the Committee on Text-books.

Ordered, That no book shall be used in the public schools as a text-book, reference-book, or otherwise, without the approval of the Committee on Text-books.

Referred to the Committee on Text-books.

Special assignment; report of the Committee on Drawing and Music on the appointment of five special instructors in music.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, the special assignment, being the consideration of the report of the Committee on Drawing and Music on the appointment of five special instructors in music (Doc. 5, 1884), was taken up.

The report was accepted.

The committee recommended the passage of the following order appended to the report: —

Ordered, That the following nominations of special teachers in music, made by the Committee on Drawing and Music, for the ensuing year, be accepted and confirmed, and that the rules be suspended for this purpose.

High Schools. — Julius Eichberg, from April 1, 1884.

Grammar and Primary Schools. — Joseph B. Sharland, Hosea E. Holt, and J. M. Mason, from April 1, 1884; Henry G. Carey, from September 1, 1884.

Mr. Crowley moved to substitute the following for the above order: —

Ordered, That the order appended to the School Document No. 5 be recommitted to the Committee on Drawing and Music, with instructions to report what methods and divisions of teaching they would recommend in the employment of five instructors in the primary as well as in the other grades of the schools.

After discussion, on motion of Mr. Rust, the previous question was ordered.

Mr. Crowley's motion to substitute his order for that appended to the report was lost, by a vote of 8 to 10.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the yeas and nays were ordered.

The order, as presented by the committee, passed by the following vote: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Mrs. Fifield, Miss Peabody, Messrs. Blake, Cutter, Davis, Gaffield, Perkins, Rust, and Williamson. — 9.

Nays: Messrs. Chapin, Crowley, Dacey, Flint, Hyde, Moran, Murphy, and Naphen. — 8.

Mr. Darling paired with Mr. Gallagher.

Reconsideration; text-book in mental arithmetic.

Mr. Davis, having filed with the Secretary his intention of so doing, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the following order, offered by Mr. Hyde, at the last meeting, relating to a text-book in mental arithmetic, was passed.

Ordered, That Greenleaf's Mental Arithmetic be used as a text-book in the four lower classes in the Grammar Schools.

Previous question.

After discussion, on motion of Mr. Gaffield, the previous question was ordered.

The motion to reconsider passed, by a vote of 10 to 3.

Mr. Flint paired with Mr. Gallagher, and Mr. Gaffield paired with Mr. Lasker.

Mr. Davis moved to substitute the following for the order: —

Ordered, That the text-book in mental arithmetic be used in the Grammar Schools in the manner recommended by the Board of Supervisors in School Document No. 14, of 1883, and that one set of sixty copies be supplied for the classes on each floor of a grammar-school building occupied by pupils in either of the four lower classes, and for each colony of a grammar school;

and that the cost be charged to the appropriation for text-books.

Mr. Murphy moved to specially assign the consideration of the subject to the next meeting of the Board, immediately after the reports of the Committee on Nominations have been acted upon.

The motion to specially assign to the next meeting was lost, by a vote of 6 to 7.

The order offered by Mr. Davis passed.

Nomination of Martha F. Metcalf, assistant in Horace Mann School.

Mr. Gaffield, for the Committee on Horace Mann School, reported the nomination of Martha F. Metcalf, assistant in the Horace Mann School, to date from April 1, 1884.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on the Second Division, offered the following: —

Salary of Mary A. Lovering.

Ordered, That Mary A. Lovering, third assistant in the Harvard District, be placed upon the maximum salary of her grade, to date from May 19, 1884, on account of previous service. (See Section 88 of the Rules.)

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to Elizabeth C. Bredeen.

Emma M. Gregory, substitute.

Ordered, That leave of absence until Sept. 1, 1884, be granted to Elizabeth C. Bredeen, fourth assistant in the Prescott District, and that Emma M. Gregory be approved as her substitute.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to Annie M. Stone.

Alice A. Sanborn, substitute.

Ordered, That leave of absence until Sept. 1, 1884, be granted to Annie M. Stone, third assistant in the Prescott District, and that Alice A. Sanborn be approved as her substitute.

Miss Peabody presented a petition, signed by Laura M. Pollock and eight others, for the use of the Roxbury street school-house for a vacation school.

Petition for use of Roxbury-street School-house for vacation school.

Referred to the Committee on the Seventh Division.

Miss Peabody presented a petition signed by the teachers of the Eustis-street Primary School, representing that their own health, as well as the health of their pupils, has been, and is still, endangered by the imperfect system of drainage and ventilation now in use there, and asking that some action be taken to remedy the defects.

Petition concerning sanitary condition of the Eustis-street Primary School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

On motion of Miss Peabody, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, it was

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cause additional plumbing to be placed in the George-street Primary-School building, so that water may be supplied to each story of the same.

Water to be supplied to each story of George-street Primary School-house.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence until September 1, 1884, be granted to Mary B. Winchell, fourth assistant in the Gibson District, and that Nellie Perry be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Mary B. Winchell. Nellie Perry, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, it was

Ordered, That, on the application of Mrs. Hemenway, the use of the Tennyson-street School be allowed, as in past years, for purposes of a vacation school.

Tennyson-street School-house; use of for a vacation school.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — April 8 — an order that Louise A. Pieper, third assistant in the Lincoln District, receive credit for one additional year of service, reported that Miss Pieper was appointed temporary fourth assistant in the Lincoln District, April 9, 1883, and served as

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Louise A. Pieper.

such until the end of the term. September 3, 1883, she was elected on probation as fourth assistant, and in February, 1884, was transferred to the position of third assistant in the same district. Miss Pieper's service as a regular teacher began September 3, 1883, from which time she has received the salary, and has been credited with the service, of a regular teacher, which leave three months of temporary service, upon which the Division Committee have apparently based their request. As it would be manifestly unjust to allow credit of one year for three months' temporary service, your committee recommend that the order ought not to pass.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the report was laid on the table.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Helen P. Hall.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — February 26 — an order that Helen P. Hall, second assistant in the Primary Department of the Dudley District, be placed upon the maximum salary of her grade, reported, that the principle which has guided the committee in deciding cases similar to Mrs. Hall's is, that teachers promoted to a higher rank should be placed upon the minimum salary of that rank. They can recall no instance where this principle has been set aside, and they find no reason why it should be set aside in the present case. They, therefore, recommend that the order ought not to pass.

Mr. Gaffield rose to the point of order that a quorum was not present.

No quorum.

It being ascertained that a quorum was not present, the Chair declared the Board adjourned, at twenty minutes after ten o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

In School Committee, May 27, 1884.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members, except Messrs. Elliott and Hyde.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Report of the Committee on Salaries; salary of Helen P. Hall.

The unfinished business of the preceding meeting, being the report of the Committee on Salaries, relative to the salary of Helen P. Hall, was taken up. [*See* Minutes, page 90.]

The question was upon the acceptance of the report.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, the yeas and nays were ordered.

After discussion, on motion of Mr. Rust, the previous question was ordered.

The report was accepted by the following vote: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: — The Mayor, Messrs. Blake, Cutter, Darling, Doherty, Gallagher, Lasker, Moran, Murphy, Naphen, Plummer, Rust, and Williamson. — 13.

Nays: — Mrs. Fifield, Miss Peabody, Messrs. Chapin, Crowley, Davis, Flint, Gaffield, Hobbs, and Perkins. — 9.

Mr. Chapin stated that he misunderstood the question, and, with the consent of the Board, he was allowed to change his vote from "nay" to "yea."

The Chair declared the report accepted, by the vote of 14 to 8.

The Chair read the following: —

Resignation on committee.

BOSTON, May 13, 1884.

To the President of the School Board: —

I herewith tender my resignation as a member of the Committee on Drawing and Music. My time is so fully occupied that I cannot attend to the duties incident thereto.

Yours, respectfully,

EDWIN H. DARLING.

Appointment on committee.

Accepted, and the Chair appointed Mr. Williamson as a member of the Committee on Drawing and Music, in place of Mr. Darling, resigned.

Special assignment; report of the Committee on Text-Books.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the special assignment, being the report of the Committee on Text-Books, was considered.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the report was amended — to correct a clerical error — by inserting under Grammar Schools, first class, page 4, of the report [Doc. 6] the words, "Stone's History of England."

The report, as amended, was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the report was laid on the table.

Mr. Moran offered the following: —

No school officer to be pecuniarily interested in text-books, apparatus, etc.

Ordered, That no text-book, apparatus, or other material in which any officer or teacher in the service of the city has, at the time of purchase or adoption, a pecuniary interest, shall be used in the public schools.

Mr. Chapin moved to amend the order by adding the following, "unless such pecuniary interest be relinquished to the City of Boston."

Mr. Gallagher moved that the following be substituted for Mr. Moran's order: —

Ordered, That no school officer, or teacher, or salaried officer of the School Board, shall be pecuniarily interested

in any book or school apparatus used in the schools of the City of Boston.

After a lengthy discussion, on motion of Mr. Gaffield, the subject was indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the report of the committee was taken from the table.

Report of the Committee on Text-Books.

The orders appended to the report were considered: —

1. *Ordered*, That the Franklin Primary Arithmetic be authorized for use as a text-book in the first and second classes of the Primary Schools.

Mr. Davis offered the rollowing as a substitute for the above order:

Ordered, That each Primary-School building occupied by a first or second class be supplied with one set of the Franklin Primary Arithmetic; the number in a set to be sixty, or, if less be needed, less than sixty; and that the Committee on Supplies be authorized to supply additional copies of the book at their discretion, if needed.

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Text-Books, accepted the substitute in place of the order presented by the committee.

The order, as offered by Mr. Davis, passed.

2. *Ordered*, That the Franklin Elementary Arithmetic be authorized for use as a text-book in the sixth class, and that the Franklin Elementary Arithmetic be substituted for the Franklin Written Arithmetic in the fifth class, of the Grammar schools.

Mr. Moran moved to amend the order by striking out all the words to and including the words "sixth class," in the second line, and inserting in place thereof the following: —

"*Ordered*, That one or more sets of the Franklin Elementary Arithmetic be furnished to each Grammar School, to be used by the sixth class for both oral and

written arithmetic. The number of sets, and the number in a set, to be determined by the needs of the school and the size of the classes, — each pupil of the sixth class having one book."

After discussion, on motion of Mr. Gaffield, the previous question was ordered.

Mr. Moran's amendment was lost.

The order as reported by the committee passed.

3. *Ordered*, That Child's Book of Language (by J. H. Stickney), smaller series, be authorized for use in the Grammar Schools.

Passed unanimously.

4. *Ordered*, That the Revised Fourth Music Reader be authorized for use as a text-book in the three upper classes of the Grammar Schools, to be supplied as new books are needed.

On motion of Mr. Davis, the order was amended by adding the following words, "provided that it is furnished upon terms which are satisfactory to the Committee on Supplies."

The order, as amended, passed unanimously.

5. *Ordered*, That Kellogg's Rhetoric be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools.

Passed unanimously.

6. *Ordered*, That Selections from Milton (Clarendon Press Edition, Vol. I.) be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools.

Passed unanimously.

7. *Ordered*, That Berens's Handbook of Mythology be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin and High Schools, in place of Seeman's Classical Mythology.

Passed, 17 members voting in the affirmative.

8. *Ordered*, That Franklin Algebra be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools.

Lost, 11 members only voting in the affirmative; the Chair ruling it would require 17 votes to pass the order.

9. *Ordered*, That Packard's Zoölogy be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin and High Schools.

Passed, 17 members voting in the affirmative.

10. *Ordered*, That Lincoln's Ovid and Lindsey's Cornelius Nepos be authorized for use as text-books in the Latin Schools; and that Harkness's Cæsar and Lindsey's Cornelius Nepos be authorized for use as text-books in the High Schools.

Passed, 17 members voting in the affirmative.

11. *Ordered*, That Wentworth's Algebra be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin Schools.

Lost, 7 members only voting in the affirmative; the Chair ruling that it would require 17 votes to pass the order.

12. *Ordered*, That the following text-books in French and German be authorized for use in the Latin and High Schools: *French*, — Racine's Athalie; Roemer's French Course, Vol. II.; Hennequin's Lessons in Idiomatic French; *German*, — Lessing's Nathan der Weise; Schiller's Maria Stuart; Putlitz's Das Herz Vergessen.

Passed unanimously.

13. *Ordered*, That the following text-books, High and Latin Schools, be stricken from the list: —

Bain's Brief English Grammar; Eugène's French Grammar; Joyne's Otto's French Reader; Taine's Notes sur l'Angleterre; Lacombe's Petite Histoire du Peuple Français; Goethe's Prose; Latin School Series, I. and II.; Harper's Latin Lexicon.

Passed unanimously.

14. *Ordered*, That the text-books in French and German now authorized for use in either the High or Latin Schools be authorized for use in both the High and the Latin Schools.

Passed unanimously.

14. *Ordered*, That the series of text-books of Drawing now in use be adopted for use during the ensuing school year, on condition that the publishers agree to prepare a new series, or to revise the old, in accordance with the views of the Committee on Drawing and Music.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the order was laid on the table.

16. *Ordered*, That the following books be authorized for use as reference-books: —

Grammar Schools. — Battle Maps of the Revolution; Methods of Teaching Geography (one copy for each teacher of geography); O. W. Gray & Son's Atlas.

Latin and High Schools. — Harper's Latin Lexicon; Liddell & Scott's Greek Lexicon, unabridged; Eugène's French Grammar.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the order was amended by inserting after the words, "O. W. Gray & Son's Atlas," the following: "To be furnished as new atlases are needed."

The order, as amended, passed.

17. *Ordered*, That the Committee on Text-Books be granted further time to present their report on Supplementary Reading, and that they be authorized to report in print.

Passed.

On motion of Mr. Rust, for the Committee on Annual School Festival, it was

Annual School Festival; date of.

Ordered, That the Annual School Festival be held on Saturday, June 28.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Reports of the Committee on Nominations.

SPECIAL ASSISTANT, PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Mt. Vernon District. — J. Lillian Colson, from April 24, 1884. Special assistant, Primary School.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Dillaway District. — Cordelia G. Torrey, third assistant, from May 13, 1884. Temporary teachers.

Mt. Vernon District. — Frances R. Newcomb, third assistant, from May 1, 1884.

Prescott District. — Sarah J. Welch, third assistant, from May 12, 1884.

Rice District. — Nettie M. Getchell, third assistant, from April 1, 1884.

Stoughton District. — Maria A. Shields, fourth assistant, from May 1, 1884.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Bigelow District. — Edith M. Bradford, fourth assistant. Confirmation of teachers.

Comins District. — Annetta F. Armes, second assistant.

Gibson District. — Carrie L. Floyd, third assistant.

Hancock District. — Agnes L. Dodge, fourth assistant.

Hillside District. — Idella M. Swift, third assistant.

Lowell District. — Fannie B. Wilson, Anna J. Bradley, fourth assistants.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, it was

Leave of absence to Mary H. Dwyer.

Mary H. Thompson, substitute.

Ordered, That leave of absence, until Sept. 1, 1884, be granted to Mary H. Dwyer, third assistant in the Gaston District, and that Mary H. Thompson be approved as her substitute.

Mr. Gallagher, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Additional School accommodations in the Bigelow and Shurtleff Districts.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to furnish additional Grammar and Primary School accommodations in the Bigelow and Shurtleff Districts.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Mr. Gallagher, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Salary of J. Gardner Bassett.

Ordered, That J. Gardner Bassett, sub-master in the Bigelow District, be placed upon the eleventh year of service in his grade, to date from Oct. 1, 1883.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to Louise A. Pieper.

Sylvia A. Richards, substitute.

Ordered, That leave of absence until July 1, 1884, granted to Louise A. Pieper, third assistant in the Lincoln District, and that Sylvia A. Richards be approved as her substitute.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to Abby C. Burge.

Kate Haushalter, substitute.

Ordered, That extended leave of absence, until Sept. 1, 1884, be granted to Abby C. Burge, third assistant in the Lawrence District, and that Kate Haushalter be approved as her substitute.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, for the same committee, it was

Sidewalks in vicinity of Fifth-street school-house.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to pave O street, between Fifth and Sixth streets, with brick sidewalks, — the same being the immediate approach to

the new Primary school building on the corner of Fifth and O streets.

On motion of Mr. Flint, for the Committee on High Schools, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Salaries be instructed to report, at the next meeting of the Board, a suitable salary for Helen D. Baright, teacher of vocal and physical culture in the Girls' High School.

Salary of Helen D. Baright.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence until Sept. 1, 1884, be granted to Caroline F. Melville, third assistant in the Stoughton District, and that Agnes M. Cochran be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Caroline F. Melville.

Agnes M. Cochran, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Davis, for the Committee on Supplies, it was

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cause suitable provision to be made in each school-house for the storage and protection of text-books to be loaned by the city to the pupils under the requirements of the Act of the Legislature concerning free text-books.

Storage and protection of text-books.

Mr. Davis, for the Committee on Supplies, presented the annual report of that committee, in print [Doc. 7, 1884], which was accepted.

Annual report of Committee on Supplies.

Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be authorized to erect a partition in the hall of the Francis-street school-house, so as to make two rooms of it — the same to be done during the coming vacation.

Partitioning of hall of Francis-street school-house.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Mr. Moran, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, offered the following: —

Improvements in Hillside school-house.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to make the following improvements in the Hillside school-house and lot: erect an iron fence around the sides of the school lot which border on the street; place speaking-tubes from the principal's room to the other rooms, and to the front door; construct sanitary accommodations for the teachers.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

On motion of Mr. Moran, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to Ella F. Howland.

Mary E. Roome, substitute.

Ordered, That leave of absence until July 1, 1884, be granted to Ella F. Howland, fourth assistant in the Charles Sumner District; and that Mary E. Roome be approved as her substitute.

Mr. Moran offered the following: —

Afternoon recess in Primary Schools.

Ordered, That the afternoon recess in the Primary Schools may be out-door or in-door, according to the option of the principal in charge.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Miss Peabody, it was

Chardon-court school-house; use of for vacation school.

Ordered, That Messrs. F. C. Lowell and F. J. Stimson be allowed the use of the Chardon-court Primary school-house for a vacation school, from July 7 to August 22, as in former years, without expense to the city.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on the First Division, it was

Leave of absence to Florence Carver.

Jennie M. Souter, substitute.

Ordered, That leave of absence until Sept. 1, 1884, be granted to Florence Carver, on account of ill-health, fourth assistant in the Lyman District; and that Jennie M. Souter be approved as her substitute.

Reconsideration of vote concerning a text-book in mental arithmetic.

Mr. Murphy, having filed with the Secretary a notice of his intention so to do, moved that the vote, whereby the order relating to the text-book in mental arithmetic

was declared passed at the last meeting of the Board, be reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, the motion to reconsider was laid on the table until the next meeting.

On motion of Mr. Moran, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence, without pay, until April 1, 1885, be granted to Persis B. Swett, first assistant in the Allston District. Leave of absence to Persis B. Swett.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, the Board adjourned at ten minutes past ten o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, June 10, 1884.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Commitee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members, except Messrs. Blake and Hyde.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Reports of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Bowdoin District. — Daniel C. Brown, master, Sept. 1, 1884. Resignation of teachers.

Hancock District. — James W. Webster, master, Sept. 1, 1884.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Bowdoin District. — Carrie L. Baker, from May 5, 1884. Special assistants, Primary Schools.

Dorchester-Everett District. — Helen L. Hilton, from May 21, 1884.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Dearborn District. — Mary J. Mohan, third assistant, from June 3, 1884. Temporary teachers.

Dorchester-Everett District. — Fanny M. Cartwright, fourth assistant, from May 16, 1884.

Dudley District. — Lucy G. M. Card, third assistant, from May 5, 1884.

Eliot District. — Jane F. Gilligan, fourth assistant, from May 19, 1884.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Bowdoin District. — Mary S. Hosmer, fourth assistant.

Harvard District. — Amy R. Chapman and Mary L. Fynes, third assistants.

Accepted.

Report of Joint Committee on Nominations and Third Division; principals of Bowdoin and Hancock Schools.

Mr. Cutter, for the Joint Committee on Nominations and Third Division, reported the following unanimous nominations of candidates for the positions of principals of schools: —

Bowdoin School. — Delwin A. Hamlin, master, from Sept. 1, 1884.

Hancock School. — Lewis H. Dutton, master, from Sept. 1, 1884.

Accepted.

Ballot for principal of Bowdoin School.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, the Board proceeded to ballot for a principal of the Bowdoin School.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Cutter, Crowley, and Williamson, a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to that duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 20; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. Sarah R. Smith had 3 votes, and Delwin A. Hamlin had 17 votes, and was accordingly declared elected as principal of the Bowdoin School, with the rank of master, to date from September 1, 1884.

Delwin A. Hamlin elected.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, the Board proceeded to ballot for a principal of the Hancock School.

Ballot for principal of Hancock School.

The Chair appointed the same committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to that duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 21 ; necessary for a choice under the rule, 13. Mr. Bassett, Mr. Webster, and James W. Webster had 1 vote each ; J. W. Webster had 2 votes, and Lewis H. Dutton had 16 votes, and was accordingly declared elected as principal of the Hancock School, with the rank of master, to date from September 1, 1884.

Lewis H. Dutton elected.

Mr. Perkins offered the following : —

Resolved, That the Board of School Committee highly appreciate the value of the work done by Mr. Daniel C. Brown, during thirty-five years of active service in the public schools, twenty-nine of which he has spent as the able and devoted master of the Bowdoin School, and heartily regrets that he has found it necessary, on account of the state of his health, to resign the office which he has so long filled with credit to himself and with great advantage to the school.

Resolutions on resignation of Daniel C. Brown, master of the Bowdoin School.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Board be instructed to transmit a copy of the above resolution to Mr. Brown, and to offer him the best wishes of its members, for prosperity and happiness in his honorable retirement which he seeks, and to which he has so richly earned the right.

Passed unanimously.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, reported for confirmation the following nominations of instructors in Evening Drawing Schools, for the term of 1884–85.

Election of instructors of Evening Drawing Schools.

Masters. — George H. Bartlett, George Jepson.

Head Assistants. — Charles M. Carter, A. J. Anthony, Albert H. Munsell.

Assistants. — Walter F. Brackett, Henry K. Burrison, Henry N. Mudge, Adelaide C. Palmer, Annie E. Blake, Charles L. Adams.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

On motion of Mr. Moran, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, it was

Leave of absence to Persis B. Swett. (See page 101.)

Ordered, That the leave of absence, without pay, granted to Persis B. Swett, first assistant in the Allston District, date from Sept. 1, 1884.

Mr. Moran offered the following: —

Holiday.

Ordered, That there be no session of the public schools on Tuesday, June 17.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Miss Peabody offered the following: —

Ordered, That there be no sessions of the public schools on Monday, June 16.

Lost.

Report of Special Committee on work of Superintendent and Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Murphy, for the Special Committee on work of Superintendent and Board of Supervisors, submitted a report of that committee, which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, it was

Ordered, That if there be any minority report of the Committee on method and work of the Superintendent and Supervisors, it may be printed and appended to the report offered to-night.

Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following: —

Salary of Charles A. French.

Ordered, That Charles A. French be paid the sum of twelve dollars, for three evenings' service as assistant in

the Evening High School, for which service he has received no compensation.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Rust, for the Committee on Accounts, presented the annual report of that committee, in print [Doc. 8], which was accepted.

Annual report of the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide additional Grammar-school accommodations in the Comins District.

Additional Grammar-School accommodations in the Comins District.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Mr. Davis, for the Committee on Supplies, offered the following report: —

Report of the Committee on Supplies; purchase and delivery of text-books and supplies.

The Committee on Supplies respectfully report to the Board that the contract made with Mr. George A. Smith, for doing certain work, including the purchase and delivery of text-books and other supplies, for the term of five years, from July 1, 1879, at the rate of twelve thousand dollars per annum, will expire July 1 next; and that they have carefully considered how the work which has been performed under the contract may be continued to the best advantage. They are unanimously of the opinion that it is not desirable that the contract should be renewed or extended, and that the work can be done as well as it has been done under the contract, and at a less cost, under the immediate supervision of the Committee on Supplies.

The recent legislation, requiring the loaning of books and supplies to the pupils, will require some changes in the work of this department, and occasion additional labor and care, but the committee are of the opinion that the work can be efficiently done at a cost not exceeding eight thousand dollars per annum, which will be a reduction of one-third from the present contract price of twelve thousand dollars per annum. For the remainder of the year, from July 1, 1884, to April 1, 1885 (nine months), they would estimate the expense to be incurred at six thousand dollars, and they submit the following estimate of details: —

PERMANENT ASSISTANCE.

One male clerk, at a rate not exceeding $1,800 per annum	$1,350 00
One male clerk, at about $600 per annum	450 00
Two female clerks, at the rate of $500 each per annum	750 00
Two boys, at the rate of $300 each per annum	450 00
Keeping apparatus in repair, at $1,000 per annum	583 33
Teaming	1,800 00
	$5,383 33
Temporary assistance and sundries	616 67
Estimated expenses for nine months	$6,000 00

The Committee on Supplies, therefore, request the passage of the following order, embodying the views of the committee, as set forth in this communication: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be authorized and empowered to employ such additional assistance and incur such additional expense as may be found necessary in order to continue the work now being done under contract by Mr. George A. Smith, at an annual expense not exceeding eight thousand dollars, beginning July 1, 1884.

For the Committee on Supplies,

JAMES C. DAVIS,
Chairman.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Davis, for the same committee, offered the following report: —

Care and custody of text books loaned to pupils.

The Committee on Supplies respectfully report to the Board, that, as the Act of the Legislature, approved March 22, 1884, concerning free text-books and supplies, which is to take effect August 1, provides that text-books and supplies shall be loaned to the pupils of the public schools "free of charge, subject to such rules and regulations as to care and custody, as the School Committee may prescribe,"

they would suggest that the following rules be adopted by the Board, and that a label containing them be attached to or printed upon each book to be loaned, in accordance with the requirements of this statute, as follows: —

PROPERTY OF THE

CITY OF BOSTON.

This book is loaned to the pupil free of charge, subject to the following regulations: —

1. It must not be marked upon with pencil or ink, or otherwise defaced, and it must be kept clean.
2. If it be lost or injured, it must be paid for by the pupil to whom it was loaned.
3. It must be returned when called for by the teacher.
4. It is not to be taken from the school-room, except by permission of the teacher, for the purpose of studying a lesson at home.

No. ..... School.

The committee also suggest that authority be granted to them to require such receipts to be given for books loaned as shall seem to them to be proper.

They therefore recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That the rules submitted by the Committee on Supplies as to the care and custody of the text-books to be loaned to pupils be adopted; and that the Committee on Supplies be authorized to require such receipts, to be given for books to be loaned to pupils, as the committee shall deem to be proper.

For the Committee on Supplies,

JAMES C. DAVIS,
Chairman.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Summer vacation extended to Sept. 8.

Mr. Davis offered the following: —

Ordered, That the vacation of the public schools be continued the present year until Monday, September 8, instead of to the first Monday in September, as fixed by the Regulations.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Graduating exercises. High Schools; dates of.

Mr. Flint, for the Committee on High Schools, reported the dates of the graduating exercises of the several High Schools, as follows: —

Girls' High School, Tuesday, June 24, at 9.30 A.M.

English High School, Tuesday, June 24, at 11 A.M.

Charlestown High School, Tuesday June 24, at 3 P.M.

East Boston High School, Wednesday, June 25, at 9.30 A.M.

Roxbury High School, Wednesday, June 25, at 3 P.M.

Brighton High School, Wednesday, June 25, evening.

West Roxbury High School, Thursday, June 26, at 10.30 A.M.

Dorchester High School, Thursday June 26, at 4 P.M.

Accepted.

Mr. Flint, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following: —

Alterations in Roxbury High School.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to make such alterations in the Roxbury High School-house as will give a suitable retiring-room for the teachers.

Referred to the Commitee on School-houses.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on the Second Division, it was

Leave of absence to Emma F. Porter. Isabel G. Winslow, substitute.

Ordered, That leave of absence until Sept. 1, 1884, be granted to Emma F. Porter, third assistant in the Bunker Hill District, and that Isabel G. Winslow be approved as her substitute.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence until Sept. 1, 1884, be granted to Emma F. Black, third assistant in the Bunker Hill District, and that Emily V. White be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Emma F. Black.

Emily V. White, substitute.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on the Third Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Edward P. Shute, sub-master in the Phillips District, be placed upon the sixth year of service in his grade, to date from Oct. 9, 1882.

Salary of Edward P. Shute.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, it was

Ordered, That on application of Mrs. N. M. Josselyn, the use of the Genesee-street School-house be allowed for the purposes of a vacation school, the same to be without expense to the city.

Genesee-street School-house; use of for vacation school.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence until Sept. 1, 1884, be granted to Eva D. Kellogg, third assistant in the Prince District, and that Mary E. Very be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Eva D. Kellogg.

Mary E. Very, substitute.

Mr. Crowley, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to macadamize Common street, in front of the Brimmer School-house, and Tennyson street, in front of the Starr King School-house.

Macadamizing of Common and Tennyson streets.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to

Sanitary arrangements of

the Tileston School-house.

improve the sanitary arrangements of the Tileston School-house during the summer vacation.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on the First Division, it was

Leave of absence to Grace M. Remick.

Ordered, That extended leave of absence until Sept. 8, 1884, on account of ill-health, be granted to Grace M. Remick, third assistant in the Adams District, and that Mary E. Williams be approved as her substitute.

Mary E. Williams, substitute.

Mr. Plummer offered the following: —

Teachers over seventy years of age ineligible for reëlection.

Ordered, That teachers in the employ of the city, aged seventy years and over, shall not be eligible for reëlection after the present school-year.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Reconsideration.

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Chapin, the vote whereby the order was declared referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations, was reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, the order was amended by substituting the words "sixty-eight" for the word "seventy."

The order was referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Miss Peabody, it was

Vacation in Primary Schools.

Ordered, That no Primary School close before Tuesday, June 24, at 4 P.M.

Roxbury-street School-house; use of for a vacation school.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, it was

Ordered, That the Roxbury-street Primary School-house may be used for a vacation school, during the coming vacation, the same to be without expense to the city.

Reconsideration of vote concerning a text-book in mental arithmetic.
[See pp. 20, 62, 80, 87, 100.]

On motion of Mr. Murphy, the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the order relating to the text-book in mental arithmetic was declared passed, was taken from the table, and the motion to reconsider specially assigned to the next meeting of the Board.

Reports of the Committee on Salaries.
Salary of Mary A. Lovering.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — May 13 — an order concerning the salary of Mary A. Lovering, third assistant in the Harvard District, reported that the case of Miss Lovering is provided for by the Rules (Section 88), which states that any instructor who, after retirement from the service of the city, is reëlected, and has not been out of the service more than three years, may, upon the report of the Committee on Salaries, be put by the Board upon the advanced salary to which any previovs service may entitle the incumbent. The committee recommended the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That Mary A. Lovering, third assistant in the Harvard District, be placed upon the maximum salary of her grade, to date from May 19, 1884, on account of previous service.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Salary of J. Gardner Bassett.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 27 — an order that J. Gardner Bassett, sub-master in the Bigelow District, be placed upon the eleventh year of service in his grade, reported that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

Salary of Helen D. Baright.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, who were instructed — May 27 — to report at the next meeting of the Board a suitable salary for Helen D. Baright, teacher of vocal and physical culture in the Girls' High School, reported that the salary for this position is contained in the schedule of salaries as fixed by the Board, and that no further action is necessary.

Accepted.

Report of the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, the report of the Committee on Salaries, offered May 13, relating to the

Salary of Louise A. Pieper. (See page 89.)

salary of Louise A. Pieper, third assistant in the Lincoln District, was taken from the table.

On motion of Mr. Naphen, the report was recommitted to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Doherty, the Board adjourned at twenty minutes before nine o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, June 24, 1884.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Gallagher and Rust.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from Committee on Public Buildings; Thacher-street Primary School-house.

CITY OF BOSTON,
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT PUBLIC BUILDINGS,
June 13, 1884.

HON. A. P. MARTIN,
President of the School Board, —

DEAR SIR: — I am directed by the Committee on Public Buildings to suggest to your Board the propriety of surrendering to the City Council the Thacher-street Primary School-house; said building has not been in use for school purposes for a long time, and is being gradually destroyed by vandals in the neighborhood.

Your committee are of the opinion that if not wanted for school purposes the building had better be sold.

Yours, respectfully,

H. B. FISHER, *Clerk*.

Placed on file.

Thacher-street School-house surrendered to the City Council.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, it was

Ordered, That the Thacher-street Primary School-house be surrendered to the City Council.

Reports of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Latin School. — Henry C. Jones, junior-master, from June 19, 1884.

Andrew District. — Jane F. Gilligan, fourth assistant, from May 1 to 9, 1884, both inclusive.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of a teacher.

Lowell District. — Lizzie F. Fickett, fourth assistant.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Text-books, it was

List of text and reference books to be printed.

Ordered, That the list of authorized text-books and reference books be printed.

Report of the Committee on Eighth Division; reopening of North Harvard-street School. (See page 55.)

Mr. Moran, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, to whom was referred — March 18 — a petition signed by John Donovan, and forty other citizens of the Brighton District, asking that the North Harvard-street Grammar School be reopened, reported, that while the committee recognize the fact that a few pupils are discommoded by the remoteness of the school they attend, the number of such pupils is too small to justify the opening at present of the old school-house on North Harvard street, while there is sufficient room for their accommodation in the Allston School. However, the committee believe that next year, from the natural increase of population, additional accommodations will be required, and they will then feel warranted in recommending the reopening of the unoccupied school-building on North Harvard street. The committee recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence until Sept. 8, 1884, be granted to P. Catherine Bradford, second assistant in the Franklin District, and that Adelaide M. Odiorne be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to P. Catherine Bradford.

Adelaide M. Odiorne, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence until October 1, 1884, be granted to Bell J. Dunham, third assistant in the Dearborn District.

Leave of absence to Bell J. Dunham.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence, on account of sickness, until January 1, 1885, be granted to Susan A. Dutton, third assistant in the Lewis District.

Leave of absence to Susan A. Dutton.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on School-houses be requested to consider the expediency of enlarging the George Putnam School-house lot.

Enlargement of George Putnam School-house lot.

Mr. Hobbs, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to repair the cellar of the Francis-street school-house so as to avoid the injurious effects from the accumulation of moisture on the walls and ceilings of the building.

Repair of cellar of Francis-street School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence until October 1, 1884, be granted to Leverett M. Chase, master of the Dudley School.

Leave of absence to Leverett M. Chase.

Mr. Hobbs, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Phillips-street School-house, sidewalks to be paved.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to pave the sidewalks of the Phillips-street (Roxbury) School-house.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Hobbs, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Sanitary improvement in the Dearborn School-house.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide sanitary improvements in the Dearborn School building during the summer.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Reports of the Committee on School-houses; improvements in Hillside School-house and lot. (See page 100.)

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School-houses, to whom was referred — May 27 — an order concerning improvements in the Hillside School-house and lot, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to make the following improvements in the Hillside School-house and lot: erect an iron fence around the sides of the school lot which border on the street; place speaking-tubes from the principal's room to the other rooms and the front door; construct sanitary accommodations for the teachers.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Partitioning of hall of Francis-street School-house. (See page 99.)

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 27 — an order concerning the partitioning of the hall of the Francis-street School-house, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to erect a partition in the hall of the Francis-street School-house so as to make two rooms, — the same to be done during the coming vacation.

Alterations in Roxbury High-

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 10 — an order concerning alterations in

the Roxbury High School-house, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

School-house. (See page 110.)

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to make such alterations in the Roxbury High School-house as will give a suitable retiring-room for the teachers.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 10 — an order for additional school accommodations in the Comins District, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Additional Grammar-school accommodations in the Comins District. (See page 107.)

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide additional Grammar-School accommodations in the Comins District.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 13 — a petition from the teachers of the Eustis-street Primary School, concerning the ventilation and drainage of that building, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ventilation and drainage of Eustis-street Primary School-house. (See page 89.)

Ordered, That the Board of Health be requested to critically examine the premises of the Eustis-street Primary School-house, with especial reference to ventilation and drainage.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — April 22 — the communication of Mrs. L. C. Pennell, referring to a device for ventilation, reported that, after consideration of the subject, the committee believe there is no need for legislation at the present time.

Device for ventilation. (See page 77.)

Accepted.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to divide the hall of the Atherton School-house with a temporary

Alterations in Atherton School-house.

partition, and furnish desks to accommodate a class; also, that the yard of said building be properly graded.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, it was

Tyler-street Primary School-house; use of for a vacation school.

Ordered, That Mrs. J. W. Andrews and associates be allowed the use of the Tyler-street Primary School-house for a vacation school, without expense to the city.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, it was

Vacation school in first division.

Ordered, That the Committee on the First Division have authority to grant the use of a school-room for a vacation school during the coming vacation.

Mr. Flint offered the following: —

Times for examinations for admission to the Latin and High Schools.

Ordered, That, for the present year, the examinations for admission to the Latin Schools be held on the second Monday in September; and for admission to the High Schools on the second Monday and Tuesday in September.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Reports of Committee on Rules and Regulations; communication from Board of Health on comparative amount of sickness among school-children. (See Minutes, 1883, page 36.)

Mr. Flint, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — Feb. 13, 1883, — a communication from the Board of Health concerning the comparative amount of sickness among school-children, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate at the present time.

Accepted.

Appointments on committees. (See Minutes, 1883, page 198.)

Mr. Flint, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Nov. 13, 1883, — an order concerning appointments on committees, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate at the present time.

Accepted.

Pay of substitutes for principals. (See page 13.)

Mr. Flint, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 29 — an order proposing an amendment to Section 187 of the Regulations, concerning the pay of

substitutes for principals, reported that, in the judgment of the committee, the present regulation is explicit, and the Division Committees can make special arrangements in any exceptional case. The committee therefore recommend that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

Mr. Flint, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 27 — an order concerning the afternoon recess in the Primary Schools, reported, that in their opinion the present Regulations contain all necessary authority; but as the passage of the order may assist the interpretation of the section, they recommended the passage of the following order: —

Afternoon recess in Primary Schools. (See page 100.)

Ordered, That the afternoon recess in the Primary Schools may be out-door or in-door, according to the option of the principal in charge.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Davis, the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the order relating to the text-book in mental arithmetic was declared passed (see pages 87, 88) was taken from the table.

Reconsideration of vote concerning a text-book in mental arithmetic. (See pp. 20, 62, 80, 87, 88, 100, 112.)

The motion to reconsider was lost.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide additional accommodations in the upper story of the building (known as Stevenson's Block) for the East Boston Evening Drawing School.

Additional accommodations for the East Boston Evening Drawing School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on the Third Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide quarters for the accommodation of the Blossom-

Temporary accommodations for the pu-

pils of t Blossom-street Primary School.

street Primary School during the time while a new Primary-School building is in process of erection.

Rules suspended.

Passed under a suspension of the rules.

Election of instructors of Evening Drawing Schools.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, reported for confirmation the following nominations of instructors in Evening Drawing Schools, for the term of 1884–85 : —

Assistants, — William S. Robinson, John L. Frisbee.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

Report of the Committee on Examinations; reëxamination of diploma-examination papers. (See page 60.)

Miss Peabody, for the Committee on Examinations, to whom was referred — March 25 — an order concerning the reëxamination of diploma examination questions by the Board of Supervisors, reported, recommending that no reduction be made in the number of schools from which the diploma examination papers are to be examined by the Board of Supervisors, but that modifications shall be made in the extent of such reëxamination, subject to the direction of the Committee on Examinations.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the rules were suspended, and the report was accepted and adopted.

Mr. Chapin offered the following :—

Request to concrete Mason street.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to concrete Mason street in such a manner as may be necessary to properly prevent the great annoyance this Board is subjected to during its sessions.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the Board adjourned at half-past eight o'clock.

Attest :

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

In School Committee, Sept. 9, 1884.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the president in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Dacey, Darling, Elliott, Gallagher, Naphen, Perkins, and Rust.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Reports of the Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignations of Teachers.

Girls' Latin School. — Mary A. Currier, teacher of vocal and physical culture, Sept. 1, 1884.

Adams District. — Lewis H. Dutton, sub-master, Sept. 1, 1884.

Lawrence District. — Delwin A. Hamlin, sub-master, Sept. 1, 1884.

Lyman District. — Emma P. Morey, fourth assistant, Sept, 1, 1884.

Mather District. — S. Kate Shepard, third assistant, Sept. 1, 1884.

Mt. Vernon District. — Fanny M. Stone, third assistant, Sept. 1, 1884.

Quincy District. — Emma K. Youngman and Katharine T. Murtagh, third assistants, Sept. 1, 1884.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANT, PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Special assistant, Primary School.

Mt. Vernon District. — Mable Drake, from Sept. 8, 1884.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHER.

Temporary teacher.

Mt. Vernon District. — Frances R. Newcomb, third assistant, from Sept. 8, 1884.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Nomination of teachers.

Lawrence District. — Egbert M. Chesley, sub-master, sixth year, from Sept. 8, 1884.

Lyman District. — Mary E. Williams, fourth assistant, from Sept. 8, 1884.

Mather District. — Mary E. Upham, third assistant, fourth year, from Sept. 8, 1884.

Mt. Vernon District. — J. Lillian Colson, fourth assistant, from Sept. 8, 1884.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Adams District. — John O. Godfrey, second assistant.

Bennett District. — Margaret I. Scollans, fourth assistant.

Brimmer District. — Winella W. Stratton, second assistant, primary department; Mary E. Whitney, fourth assistant.

Chapman District. — Jennie L. Waterbury and Almira I. Wilson, third assistants.

Charles Sumner District. — Florence E. Leadbeater, fourth assistant.

Eliot District. — Joel C. Bolan, sub-master; Flora F. Joslin, third assistant.

Lawrence District. — Mary J. Buckley, third assistant.

Phillips District. — Clara Bancroft, first assistant.

Wells District. — Lula A. L. Hill, fourth assistant.

Accepted.

TRANSFERS.

Transfers of teachers.

Eliot District. — Joel C. Bolan, sub-master, to the same position in the Adams District, the transfer to date from Sept. 1, 1884.

Accepted.

Bowditch District. — H. Winslow Warren, sub-master, to the same position in the Gibson District, the transfer to date from Sept. 1, 1884.

Rules suspended.

Accepted; the rules were suspended, and the transfer confirmed.

Nomination of Martha S. Hussey.

Mr. Cutter, for the same committee, on the recommendation of the Committee on High Schools, reported the following nomination: —

Girls' Latin School. — Martha S. Hussey, teacher of vocal and physical culture, to date from Sept. 8, 1884.

Accepted, and the nomination unanimously confirmed.

Report of Joint Committee on Nominations and Fourth Division. Principal of Quincy School.

Mr. Cutter, for the Joint Committee on Nominations and Fourth Division, reported the following unanimous nomination for the position of principal of the Quincy School: —

Quincy School. — Alfred Bunker, master, from Sept. 8, 1884.

Accepted.

Ballot for principal of the Quincy School.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, the Board proceeded to ballot for a principal of the Quincy School.

The chair appointed Messrs. Crowley, Cutter, and Hobbs, a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to that duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 15; necessary for a choice, under the rule, 13. There was one blank.

Alfred Bunker elected.

Alfred Bunker had 15 votes, and was accordingly declared elected as principal of the Quincy School, with the rank of master, to date from Sept. 8, 1884.

Mr. Crowley offered the following: —

Resolutions on the death of George W. Neal.

Whereas, Our Creator and merciful Lord has taken from us to eternal life our much esteemed master of the Quincy School, Mr. George W. Neal, after a painful sickness, which he heroically struggled against, in fond devotion to his pupils and the school, to the very last, —

Resolved, That we record our appreciation of the services which he rendered in our schools for many years, — ten of them almost continually in the Quincy School, where he was sub-master, and eventually (after his principalship of the Bowditch School) its principal, and where he gave initiatory proof of marked success as master of so important a school. We attest his entire devotion, his model character, his interesting hold and influence upon his pupils, his organizing and improving processes, and his identification with their true interests. He lived in and inspired an atmosphere of purity, of gentle and true manfulness, and his subjects were influenced to move in like manner.

Resolved, That our sense of loss and our sympathy with the sorrowful widow and son of the deceased be duly expressed to them, while we, at the same time,

remind them of the consolation of his bright record as a good and faithful man, gone, we trust, to a blissful reward.

Adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

Resignation of Nellie I. Lincoln, sewing-teacher

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Sewing, reported the resignation of Nellie I. Lincoln as teacher of sewing in the Hillside District, to take effect Sept. 1, 1884.

Accepted.

Election of Mrs. O. C. Hapgood, sewing teacher.

Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, reported the nomination of Mrs. O. C. Hapgood as teacher of sewing in the Hillside District, in place of Nellie I. Lincoln, resigned, term of service commencing Sept. 8, 1884.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed.

On motion of Mr. Moran, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, it was

Additional Grammar-School accommodations in the Bennett District. [See pp. 32–52.]

Ordered, That the pressing need for additional Grammar-School accommodations in the Bennett District requires that early action be taken; and that the City Council be respectfully requested to give their immediate consideration to the order passed by this Board — March 11, 1884 — requesting the City Council to erect an addition to the present Bennett Grammar school-house, containing from four to six rooms.

On motion of Mr. Moran, for the same committee, it was

Primary-school accommodations at Faneuil.

Ordered, That the attention of the City Council be respectfully called to the demands for school accommodations at Faneuil, and that they be earnestly requested to give their immediate consideration to the order passed by this Board — Oct. 9, 1883 — requesting the City Council to erect a two-room Primary school-house at Faneuil, for the accommodation of the pupils of that locality.

On motion of Mr. Moran, it was

Removal of Truant School from Deer Island. [See page 49.]

Ordered, That the City Council be respectfully requested to give their immediate consideration to the order passed by this Board — March 11, 1884 — requesting the City Council to remove the Truant-School from Deer Island to some more suitable location, and to establish an industrial department in connection with the Truant-School.

On motion of Mr. Moran, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, it was

Leave of absence to Eliza W. Jones.

Ordered, That leave of absence until Jan. 1, 1885, be granted to Eliza W. Jones, second assistant in the Bennett District.

On motion of Mr. Moran, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to Louise P. Arnold.

Kate F. Lyons, substitute.

Ordered, That leave of absence until Feb. 1, 1885, be granted to Louise P. Arnold, second assistant in the Hillside District, and that Kate F. Lyons be approved as her substitute.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, it was

Leave of absence to Frank A. Morse.

William H. Brown, substitute.

Ordered, That extended leave of absence until Jan. 1, 1885, be granted to Frank A. Morse, sub-master in the Sherwin District; and that William H. Brown be approved as his substitute.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to Martha A. Smith.

Sybel G. Brown, substitute.

Ordered, That extended leave of absence until Nov. 1, 1884, be granted to Martha A. Smith, third assistant in the Sherwin District, and that Sybel G. Brown be approved as her substitute.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, it was

Amendment to Rules and Regulations proposed.

Ordered, That Section 198 of the Rules and Regulations be referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to be amended according to Chapter LXIV.

of the Laws and Resolves of the State, passed at the last session of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, it was

Ordered, That the new Grammar school-house to be erected on Huntington avenue be named after the present Mayor of Boston, and to be called the "Martin Grammar School."

New Grammar school-house on Huntington avenue to be called the "Martin Grammar School."

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, it was

Ordered, That the new Grammar school-house to be erected on Hammond street be named after one of our associates, Mr. George B. Hyde, and to be called the "Hyde Grammar School."

New Grammar school-house on Hammond street to be called the "Hyde Grammar School."

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, it was

Ordered, That the principal of the Evening High School be designated as Head Master.

Rank of principal of Evening High School.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the use of a vacant room in the Bailey-street school-house be allowed to the inhabitants of Ashmont for a private school.

Use of room in Bailey-street school-house for a private school.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

On motion of Mr. Davis, it was

Ordered, That four hundred additional copies of the catalogue of the Normal School be printed.

Catalogue of Normal School; additional copies.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on Fourth Division, it was

Ordered, That the salary due George W. Neal, deceased, late master of the Quincy School, be paid to his widow.

Salary of the late George W. Neal.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Bowditch District be consolidated with the Winthrop District from September 1, 1884.

Consolidation of the Bowditch District with the Winthrop District.

Mr. Crowley, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Rank of Susan H. Thaxter.

Ordered, That Susan H. Thaxter be continued in the service with her present rank, that of first assistant.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Flint stated that the Superintendent of Schools had received the following communication, which he desired should be presented to the Board: —

Communication from Commissioner of World's Industrial and Cotton Centennial Exposition, New Orleans.

THE WORLD'S INDUSTRIAL AND COTTON CENTENNIAL EXPOSITION, NEW ORLEANS.

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER FOR MASSACHUSETTS,
BOSTON, September 8, 1884.

Mr. EDWIN P. SEAVER, *Superintendent of Schools*: —

DEAR SIR, — It is expected that every State in the Union will be represented at the New Orleans Exposition by a special State Exhibit, and many of them have made generous appropriations for this purpose, and will make a display of which their citizens will be proud.

The State Exhibit is largely confined to the products of the soil, and in *this* department Massachusetts will show to disadvantage; but in the *educational* work we should take a prominent place. It has been suggested to me, as very desirable, that the schools of Boston should be represented at the Exposition; and I shall be grateful to you if you will take an early opportunity for bringing the subject before the proper authorities, and that the proposal will meet a favorable response.

Such an exhibit would, no doubt, be a credit to the city and State, and, at the same time, of service to other sections of our common country. I may add that no expense need be incurred by the city, beyond the gathering together of such things as may be decided upon, as they can be sent to New Orleans with the other exhibits, and will be cared for while there.

I am, yours very truly,

J. HOWARD NICHOLS,
Commissioner for Massachusetts.

Referred to the Committee on Examinations.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — June 10 — an order relative to the salary of Charles A. French, assistant in the Evening High School, reported that the committee find Mr. French's employment was authorized by the Committee on Evening Schools, and the service rendered; they therefore recommend the passage of the following order, under a suspension of the rules: —

Reports of Committee on Salaries; salary of Charles A. French. [See page 106.]

Ordered, That Charles A. French be paid the sum of twelve dollars, for three evenings' service as assistant in the Evening High School, for which service he has received no compensation.

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 10 — an order that Edward P. Shute, sub-master in the Phillips District, be placed upon the sixth year of service in his grade, to date from Oct. 9, 1882, reported that, after a careful consideration of the subject, the committee recommend that the order ought not to pass.

Salary of Edward P. Shute. [See page 111.]

Accepted.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was recommitted — June 24 — the report of that committee (presented May 13) relative to the salary of Louise A. Pieper, third assistant in the Lincoln District, reported that they can find no reason for changing their former recommendation. The misunderstanding has been satisfactorily explained to those interested. The committee recommend that the order referred to them ought not to pass.

Salary of Louise A. Pieper. [See pp. 70, 89, 113.]

Accepted.

The following communication was read: —

Communication from the Boston Turn-Verein for use of a school-house.

BOSTON TURN-VEREIN.

BOSTON, September 3, 1884.

To the Honorable School Committee of the City of Boston: —

The Boston Turn-Verein has resolved to introduce the instruction of children in the German language, free to all having the necessary age and qualifications, irrespective of nationality, and has instructed the undersigned committee to petition your Honorable Board for the use of the Primary school-house in Shawmut avenue, south of Castle street, for this purpose. It is proposed to give the instruction on Saturdays, when the school-rooms are not otherwise occupied.

The instruction will be without cost to the scholars, a competent teacher or teachers being paid out of the funds of the society, and a special school committee will look after the interests of the school.

Should their petition be favorably entertained, the undersigned will gladly receive from your Honorable Board any suggestions regarding the practicability and usefulness of the undertaking.

Respectfully,

CARL EBERHARD,
OTTO KALMUS,
ADOLPHE WOERNLE,
JUL. MEYER

Referred to the Committee on Examinations.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the Board adjourned at ten minutes after eight o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Sept. 23, 1884.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Blake, Elliott, Gaffield, Moran, Perkins, Plummer, and Rust.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Report of the Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignations of teachers.

Dwight District.— Lizzie B. Ladd, fourth assistant, Oct. 1, 1884.

Eliot District. — Eliza Brintnall, fourth assistant, Sept. 1, 1884.

Everett District. — Flora I. Crooke, third assistant, Sept. 1, 1884.

Franklin District. — Abby M. Holder and Elizabeth J. Brown, third assistants, Sept. 1, 1884.

Harris District. — Cora F. Plummer, fourth assistant, Sept. 10, 1884.

Minot District. —Gertrude P. Davis, third assistant, Oct. 1, 1884.

Phillips District. — Clara Bancroft, first assistant, Sept. 1, 1884.

Prescott District. — Annie M. Stone, third assistant, Sept. 1, 1884.

Prince District. — Eva D. Kellogg, third assistant, Oct. 1, 1884.

Quincy District. — Alfred Bunker, sub-master, Sept. 8, 1884.

Sherwin District. — Isadora Bonney, third assistant, Oct. 1, 1884.

Warren District. — Effie C. Melvin, fourth assistant, Sept. 1, 1884; Abby O. Varney, fourth assistant, Sept. 29, 1884.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

English High School. — Melvin J. Hill and Walter H. Russell, junior-masters, from Sept. 8, 1884, and Sept. 10, 1884, respectively.

Girls' High School. — Sarah J. C. Needham, assistant, from Sept. 22, 1884.

Charles Sumner District. — Mary E. Lynch, third assistant, from Sept. 22, 1884.

Eliot District. — Lillian M. Towne, fourth assistant, from Sept. 8, 1884.

Mt. Vernon District. — Jennie M. Jackson, third assistant, from Sept. 18, 1884.

Quincy District. — Esther M. Meserve, first assistant; Mary A. Murphy, third assistant; from Sept. 8, 1884.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Nomination of teachers.

Latin School. — Henry C. Jones, junior-master, from Sept. 8, 1884.

Everett District. — Miriam Sterne, fourth assistant, from Sept. 10, 1884.

Franklin District. — Emma G. Brown, third assistant, from Sept. 8, 1884.

Harris District.— Mary Waterman, fourth assistant, from Sept. 10, 1884.

Minot District. — Gertrude P. Davis, second assistant, from Oct. 1, 1884.

Prince District. — Annie C. Murdock, third assistant, from Oct. 1, 1884.

Sherwin District. — Rose A. Mitchell, fourth assistant, from Oct. 1, 1884.

Warren District. — Mary F. Kittredge, fourth assistant, from Sept. 29, 1884.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Charlestown High School. — Ella F. Brown, assistant.

English High School. — William H. Sylvester, junior-master.

Girls' High School. — Alla W. Foster, assistant.

West Roxbury High School. — Josephine L. Sanborn, assistant.

Bennett District. — Lily B. Atherton, second assistant; Florence Bicknell, fourth assistant.

Charles Sumner District. — Almira G. Smith, fourth assistant.

Dorchester-Everett District. — M. Rosalia Merrill, fourth assistant.

Everett District. — Lizzie G. Howes, second assistant; Lucy W. Eaton, third assistant.

Gibson District. — Marietta L. Valentine, fourth assistant.

Harris District. — Charlotte A. Powell, third assistant.

Harvard District. — Ida B. Nute, third assistant.

Mather District. — Charlotte L. Voigt, third assistant.

Prescott District. — Mary E. Mailman, fourth assistant.

Sherwin District. — Delia E. Cunningham, fourth assistant.

Stoughton District. — Gertrude L. Howard, fourth assistant.

Accepted.

TRANSFERS.

Transfers of teachers.

Bowditch District. — Ida H. Davis, third assistant, to the same position in the Quincy District, to date from Sept. 8, 1884.

Everett District. — Sara W. Wilson, fourth assistant, to the position of third assistant in the same district, to date from Oct. 1, 1884.

Minot District. — Mary E. Glidden, second assistant, to the position of third assistant in the same district, to date from Oct. 1, 1884.

Prescott District. — Mary E. Mailman, fourth assistant, to the position of third assistant in the same district, to date from Sept. 8, 1884.

Sherwin District. — Elizabeth A. Sanborn, fourth assistant, to the position of third assistant, in the same district, to date from Oct. 1, 1884.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, it was

Leave of absence to Dora A. Pickering.

Martha E. Scott, substitute.

Ordered, That leave of absence, until Nov. 1, 1884, on account of sickness, be granted to Dora A. Pickering, first assistant in the Dillaway District, and that Martha E. Scott be approved as her substitute.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on Evening Schools, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Evening Schools be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars for printing and putting up posters, in regard to the opening, registration, and other matters connected with the evening schools; and that they be authorized to expend a further sum, not exceeding twenty-five dollars, for printed postal cards, for the use of the principals of the evening schools.

Posters for advertising opening of evening schools; postal cards for use of principals of evening schools.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, it was

Ordered, That extended leave of absence, until Feb. 1, 1885, be granted to Mary B. Winchell, fourth assistant in the Gibson District; and that Nelly Perry be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Mary B. Winchell.

Nellie Perry, substitute.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That extended leave of absence, until Feb. 1, 1885, be granted to Addie J. Callender, fourth assistant in the Dorchester-Everett District; and that Kitty Wark be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Addie J. Callender.

Kitty Wark, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Lasker, for the Committee on Schools for Licensed Minors, it was

Ordered, That Sarah A. Brackett, instructor in the Licensed Minors' School, be granted leave of absence for three months; and that the compensation of a substitute be deducted from her salary.

Leave of absence to Sarah A. Brackett.

Miss Peabody, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to fit up two additional rooms in the Tennyson-street schoolhouse for the use of the Evening Drawing School.

Additional accommodations; Evening Drawing Schools.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses, with full powers.

Leave of absence to Elizabeth C. Bredeen.

Emma M. Gregory, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on the Second Division, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence until Dec. 1, 1884, be granted to Elizabeth C. Bredeen, fourth assistant in the Prescott District; and that Emma M. Gregory be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Lydia A. Simpson.

Clara B. Brown, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence until Dec. 1, 1884, be granted to Lydia A. Simpson, third assistant in the Bunker Hill District; and that Clara B. Brown be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Emma F. Porter.

Isabel G. Winslow, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That extended leave of absence until Dec. 1, 1884, be granted to Emma F. Porter, third assistant in the Bunker Hill District; and that Isabel G. Winslow be approved as her substitute.

Age for admission to High Schools; amendment to Regulations proposed.

Mr. Flint, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Section 248 of the Regulations be amended so that it shall read as follows: —

SECT. 248. Applicants for admission to the High Schools must be at least thirteen years of age.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Appropriation for arms and accoutrements for School Regiment.

On motion of Mr. Flint, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to appropriate the sum of $10,000 (ten thousand dollars) for the purchase of arms and accoutrements for the Boston School Regiment.

On motion of Mr. Darling, for the Committee on the Third Division, it was

Ordered, That extended leave of absence until Jan. 1, 1885, be granted to Barbara C. Farrington, second assistant, Primary Department, in the Bowdoin District.

Leave of absence to Barbara C. Farrington.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence until Jan. 1, 1885, be granted to Alice M. Dickey, third assistant in the Prince District; and that Anna K. Barry be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Alice M. Dickey.

Anna K. Barry, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence until Oct. 9, 1884, be granted to Sarah E. Adams, third assistant in the Brimmer District; and that Ida F. Taylor be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Sarah E. Adams.

Ida F. Taylor, substitute.

Mr. Crowley, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Annie C. Murdock, elected third assistant in the Prince District, be placed upon the advanced salary to which her previous term of service may entitle her, under Section 88 of the Rules.

Salary of Annie C. Murdock.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, the report of the Special Committee on work of Superintendent and Board of Supervisors was taken from the table and accepted.

Report of Special Committee on work of Superintendent and Board of Supervisors. [See pp. 60, 106.]

On motion of Mr. Murphy, the orders appended to the report were referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations, with instructions to report at the next meeting.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School-houses, to whom was referred — June 24 — an order that the cellar of the Francis-street School-house be repaired, reported that the matter had been attended to, and that no further action was necessary.

Reports of Committee on School-houses; Francis-street School-house, repairs of cellar. [See page 117.]

Accepted.

Enlargement of lot of George Putnam School-house. [See page 117.]

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 24 — an order that that committee consider the expediency of enlarging the George Putnam School-house lot, reported that it is inexpedient to enlarge said lot.

Accepted.

Additional School accommodations in the Bigelow and Shurtleff Districts. [See page 98.]

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 27 — an order for additional Grammar and Primary School accommodations in the Sixth Division, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to furnish additional Grammar and Primary School accommodations in the Bigelow and Shurtleff Districts.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Enlargement of yard of Dudley School-house. [See page 81.]

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — April 22 — an order concerning the enlargement of the yard of the Dudley School-house, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to purchase an additional piece of land, to extend the yard-room of the Dudley School-house.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Enlargement of Bowditch District. [See page 41.]

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 26 — an order concerning the enlargement of the Bowditch District, reported that, by the recent action of the Board, in consolidating the Bowditch District with the Winthrop District, no action is necessary.

Accepted.

Use of a room in Bailey-street School-house for a private school. [See page 129.]

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 9 — an order that the use of a vacant room in the Bailey-street School-house be allowed to the inhabitants of Ashmont for a private school, reported that the order ought not to pass. The committee would,

however, suggest that the Committee on the Ninth Division consider the expediency of establishing a class for the accommodation of the Grammar-School pupils of that locality.

Accepted.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, offered the following: —

Rank of principal of Tileston District.

Ordered, That the rank of Hiram M. George, principal of the Tileston School, be that of sub-master, to date from Sept. 1, 1884.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Reports of Committee on Examinations; communication from Commissioners of World's Industrial and Cotton Centennial Exposition, New Orleans. [See page 130.]

Miss Peabody, for the Committee on Examinations, to whom was referred — Sept. 9 — the communication from J. Howard Nichols, Commissioner of the World's Industrial and Cotton Centennial Exposition, at New Orleans, reported that the following orders ought to pass: —

Ordered, That an exhibit representing the Boston Public Schools be contributed to the World's Industrial and Cotton Centennial Exposition at New Orleans.

Ordered, That the sum of five hundred dollars be appropriated for the purpose of defraying the expenses of furnishing the exhibit.

Accepted.

The first order passed.

The second order was referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Communication from the Boston Turn Verein for use of a school-house. [See page 132.]

Miss Peabody, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 19 — a communication from the Boston Turn Verein, asking for the use of a room in the Wait School-house, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the use of a room in the Wait School-house be granted to the Boston Turn Verein on Satur-

days, between ten and twelve o'clock A.M., for the free instruction of children in the German language, without expense to the city.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Annual report of the Committee on Sewing.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Sewing, presented the annual report of that committee, which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Crowley offered the following order: —

Loan of text-books and school supplies to pupils.

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be, and they hereby are, instructed not to refuse to loan text-books or other school supplies to the pupils of the High or other public schools, notwithstanding the refusal of any parent of such pupils to sign the promise of indemnity required by said committee.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations, with instructions to report at the next meeting.

Mr. Hyde, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, offered the following: —

Salary of Almira G. Smith.

Ordered, That Almira G. Smith, fourth assistant in the Charles Sumner District, be placed upon the maximum salary of her grade, to date from Sept. 25, 1884.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, for the same committee, it was

Mary A. Graves, substitute.

Ordered, That Mary A. Graves be approved as a substitute for Persis B. Swett, first assistant in the Allston District.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, for the same committee, it was

Mary E. Very, substitute.

Ordered, That Mary E. Very be approved as a substitute for Eliza W. Jones, second assistant in the Bennett District.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide the Baker-street Primary School-house with Cochituate water, the present supply of well water being foul and unfit for drinking purposes.

Baker-street School-house to be supplied with water.

Mr. Hyde, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Florence E. Leadbeater, fourth assistant in the Charles Sumner District, be placed upon the fifth year of service in her grade, to date from Sept. 3, 1884.

Salary of Florence E. Leadbeater.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, it was

Ordered, That the salary due Emma M. Waldock, deceased, late fourth assistant in the Lowell District, be paid to her father.

Salary of Emma M. Waldock.

On motion of Mr. Doherty, the Board adjourned at twenty minutes before nine o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,

Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Oct. 14, 1884.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Chapin, Dacey, Doherty, and Flint.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Reports of the Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Andrew District. — Sara W. Barrows, third assistant, Sept. 1, 1884. Resignations of teachers.

Dorchester-Everett District. — Annie M. Fries, third assistant, Sept. 1, 1884.

Emerson District. — Henry B. Hall, third assistant, Oct. 1, 1884.

Gaston District. — Myra S. Butterfield and Anna Leach, second assistants, Sept. 1, 1884.

Lincoln District. — Clara H. Booth, fourth assistant, Sept. 1, 1884.

Mather District. — Charlotte L. Child, fourth assistant, Nov. 1, 1884.

Norcross District. — Lizzie McGrath, fourth assistant, Oct. 3, 1884.

Rice District. — V. Colonna Murray, fourth assistant, Sept. 23, 1884.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Special assistants, Primary Schools.

Dor.-Everett District. — Annie N. Crosby, from Oct. 6, 1884.

Quincy District. — Elizabeth T. Gray and Rosa E. Jones, from Oct. 6, 1884.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Andrew District. — Annie L. Clapp, third assistant, from Sept. 8, 1884.

Dearborn District. — Benjamin Tenney, sub-master, from Sept. 8 to Oct. 8, 1884, inclusive; William H. Brown, sub-master, Oct. 9, 10, 1884.

Dillaway District. — Abby W. Sullivan, fourth assistant, from Sept. 8 to 18, 1884.

Eliot District. — George H. Cary, sub-master, from Sept. 8, 1884; Albertine A. Martin, fourth assistant, from Sept. 8, 1884.

Emerson District. — Jennie A. Mayer and Clara A. Brown, third assistants, from Sept. 10, 1884, and Oct. 1, 1884, respectively; Lillian W. Prescott, fourth assistant, from Oct. 1, 1884.

Gaston District. — Laura L. Newhall, fourth assistant, from Sept. 8, 1884.

Lawrence District. — Ellen E. Leary, third assistant, from Sept. 8, 1884.

Prince District. — Annie G. Merrill, third assistant, from Oct. 1, 1884.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Nomination of teachers.

Girls' High School. — Sarah J. C. Needham and V. Colonna Murray, assistants, from Sept. 22, 1884, and Sept. 24, 1884, respectively.

Comins District. — Jane F. Gilligan, third assistant, from Sept. 8, 1884; Lena L. Carpenter, fourth assistant, from Sept. 10, 1884.

Dearborn District. — Mary J. Mohan, third assistant, second year, from Sept. 8, 1884.

Dillaway District. — Anna M. Balch, second assistant, Primary Department, from Sept. 18, 1884.

Dor.-Everett District. — L. Cora Morse, third assistant, from Sept. 8, 1884.

Eliot District. — Benjamin Tenney, sub-master, from Oct. 8, 1884; Sophia E. Krey, fourth assistant, from Oct. 14, 1884.

Gaston District. — Mary S. Cate, second assistant, A. Delancey Sutherland, third assistant, from Sept. 8, 1884.

Lowell District. — Elsa L. Hobart, fourth assistant, from Sept. 8, 1884.

Mather District. — Caroline E. Morse, second assistant, Primary Department, from Nov. 1, 1884.

Phillips District. — Nellie M. Whitney, first assistant, from Sept. 8, 1884.

Prince District. — Kate A. Raycroft, third assistant, fourth year, from Oct. 1, 1884.

Quincy District. — Frank F. Courtney, sub-master, from Oct. 13, 1884.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

English High School. — Frank O. Carpenter and Rufus P. Williams, junior-masters. Confirmation of teachers.

Girls' High School. — Katharine H. Shute, assistant.

Bigelow District. — F. Morton King, sub-master.

Bunker Hill District. — Mary E. Minter, second assistant.

Comins District. — Edward W. Schnerch, sub-master.

Dillaway District. — Mary L. Shepard, fourth assistant.

Dudley District. — Abby S. Hapgood, third assistant.

Gaston District. — Emma M. Sibley, third assistant; Anna E. Somes, fourth assistant.

Harvard District. — Katharine W. Huston, second assistant.

Lincoln District. — Katharine G. Sullivan, third assistant.

Lowell District. — Maurice P. White, sub-master; Anna M. Edmunds, third assistant.

Norcross District. — Mary K. Davis, second assistant, Primary Department.

Accepted.

TRANSFERS.

Transfer of teachers.

Bowditch District. — Amelia E. N. Treadwell, second assistant, Primary Department; Priscilla Johnson, Maria J. Coburn, Julia M. Driscoll, Rebecca A. Buckley, Marian A. Flynn, Mary E. Noonan, fourth assistants; to the same positions respectively in the Winthrop District, the transfers to date from Oct. 1, 1884. Susan Frizzell, fourth assistant, to the same position in the Gaston District, the transfer to date from Oct. 1, 1884.

Comins District. — Lizzie A. Colligan, fourth assistant, to the position of third assistant in the same district, the transfer to date from Oct. 1, 1884.

Dwight District. — Clara C. Dunn, fourth assistant, to the same position in the Rice District, the transfer to date from Oct. 1, 1884.

Winthrop District. — Hannah E. G. Gleason, second

assistant, Primary Department; Octavia C. Heard, Henrietta Madigan, Mary A. B. Gore, Emma I. Baker, Julia A. McIntyre, fourth assistants; to the same positions respectively in the Quincy District, the transfers to date from Oct. 1, 1884.

Accepted.

Elections of principals of Evening Schools.

Mr. Cutter, for the same committee, on the recommendation of the Committee on Evening Schools, nominated for election the following-named principals of the Evening High and Evening Elementary Schools, for the term of 1884–85; the term of service of the principal of the Mather Evening School to date from Oct. 13, 1884; the terms of service of the other principals of evening schools, herein nominated, to date from Sept. 29, 1884: —

Evening High School. — Edward C. Carrigan, head-master.

Anderson-street School. — Joseph R. Smith.

Bigelow School. — George Oak.

Comins School. — Rodney F. Johonnot.

Dearborn School. — William H. Brown.

Eliot School. — Salem D. Charles.

Franklin School. — Frederic W. Bliss.

Lincoln School. — C. Everett Washburn.

Lyman School. — Henry B. Hall.

Mather School. — Marvin M. Taylor.

Quincy School. — Seth P. Smith.

Warren School. — George G. Pratt.

Warrenton-street School. — Eber R. Butler.

Wells School. — Oscar J. Pfeiffer.

Accepted.

The Board proceeded to ballot.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Moran, Lasker, and

Williams on a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to that duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 19; necessary for a choice, under the rule, 13. The persons above-named had 19 votes each, and were declared elected as principals of the designated evening schools.

Confirmation of assistants in Evening Schools.

Mr. Cutter, for the same committee, on the recommendation of the Committee on Evening Schools, reported for confirmation the following-named assistants in the Evening High and Evening Elementary Schools, for the term of 1884–85: —

Evening High School. — Arthur B. Morong, William H. Moriarty, Thomas Dean, Charles E. Stetson, Isaac F. Paul, Thomas W. Proctor, from Sept. 29; Albert Poor, from Sept. 30; Arthur H. Solial, Carl Jonsen, Isaac E. Pearl, Arthur P. French, John F. Stein, from Oct. 6; Henry C. Kendall, from Oct. 7; Stephen O'Meara, teacher of phonography, from Oct. 6; Thomas J. Barry, clerk, from Sept. 29.

Anderson-street School. — Mary E. W. Hagerty, Elizabeth N. Smith, from Sept. 29; Sarah E. Stumpf, from Oct. 10.

Bigelow School. — Frank M. Copeland, Mary E. McGraw, Agnes M. Cochran, from Sept. 29; Ida A. Bloom, Caroline Bernhard, Marguerite G. Brett, Annie L. Clapp, Josephine Garland, from Oct. 6.

Comins School. — George R. Keene, Abbie E. Batchelder, Mary E. McMann, Sylvia A. Richards, Kate W. Sparhawk, Moses Berger, Edward S. Haddy, Kate A. Kiggen, from Sept. 29; Mary A. Murphy, Mary E. Thompson, from Oct. 1.

Dearborn School. — Kate F. Lyons, Emma L.

Merrill, David G. Eldredge, Jr., Jennie W. Papworth, from Sept. 29; Kate A. Howe, from Sept. 30; Mary J. Backup, from Oct. 6.

Eliot School. — Daniel J. Mullen, Margaret Coyle, Kate Haushalter, Agnes C. Moore, Sophia E. Krey, Albertine A. Martin, Harvey L. Boutwell, from Sept. 29.

Franklin School. — Esther M. Meserve, Ida F. Taylor, from Sept. 29; Mary E. Very, Ida M. Metcalf, Alice A. Sanborn, from Oct. 1.

Lincoln School. — Frances V. Keyes, Sabina G. Sweeney, Edith K. Hodsdon, from Sept. 29; Mary E. Dee, from Oct. 6.

Lyman School. — Jane A. Soutter, Jennie A. Mayer, John L. Bates, from Oct. 1; M. Alice Robinson, M. A. D. Maclean, from Oct. 2; Charles D. Edmunds, from Oct. 3.

Quincy School. — Edward E. Sparhawk, Sybel G. Brown, from Sept. 29; Alice H. Shultes, from Oct. 1; Fanny L. Rogers, from Oct. 6.

Warren School. — Lucy M. Bosworth, Anna B. Grimes, Emma S. Fisk, Mary A. Mahan, from Sept. 29; Anna G. Wells, Benson B. Banker, from Oct. 1; Mary E. Roome, from Oct. 3.

Warrenton-street School. — John L. Emmons, J. Thomas Vose, Samuel Weltch, from Oct. 1.

Wells School. — Orrin H. Carpenter, Eudora F. Sumner, from Sept. 29; Mary W. Perry, Annie H. Gardner, from Oct. 1; Nellie M. Leavitt, Ernest W. Branch, from Oct. 2; Lucy A. G. McGilvray, Andrew Woods, from Oct. 3.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on the Third Division, it was

Use of basement of Cushman school-house for a Kindergarten.

Ordered, That the use of the basement of the Cushman school-house, or of the vacant room in the Snelling-place school-house be allowed for a kindergarten; the same to be without expense to the city.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to Kate S. Sawyer.

Ordered, That leave of absence until April 1, 1885, be granted to Kate S. Sawyer, fourth assistant in the Eliot District.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to Clara J. Raynolds.

Ada K. Richards, substitute.

Ordered, That leave of absence until Jan. 1, 1885, be granted to Clara J. Raynolds, fourth assistant in the Bowdoin District; and that Ada K. Richards be approved as her substitute.

Resignation of Walter F. Brackett.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, reported the resignation of Walter F. Brackett, assistant in the Evening Drawing School.

Accepted.

Nomination of teachers of Evening Drawing Schools.

Mr. Perkins, for the same committee, reported the following nominations of teachers of the Evening Drawing Schools, terms of service beginning Oct. 20, 1884: —

Head Assistants. — William S. Robinson, George H. Young.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

Mr. Perkins, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Posters for advertising opening of Evening Drawing Schools.

Ordered, That the Committee on Drawing and Music be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding thirty dollars for printing and putting up posters in regard to the opening of the Evening Drawing Schools.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Text-books, it was

Ordered, That the American Text-books of Art Education be authorized for use in the public schools during the present school-year.

Text-books in Drawing authorized.

On motion of Mr. Blake, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Text-books be authorized to report in print on the subject of supplementary reading.

Committee on Text-books to report in print on Supplementary Reading.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence until April 1, 1885, be granted to Mary E. Baleh, second assistant in the Lincoln District; and that Hannah L. Manson be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Mary E. Baleh.

Hannah L. Manson, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence until Nov. 1, 1884, be granted to Fannie L. Toppan, third assistant in the Bigelow District; and that Sylvia A. Richards be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Fannie L. Toppan.

Sylvia A. Richards, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence until April 1, 1885, be granted to Margaret Macgregor, third assistant in the Lawrence District; and that Mary E. McMahon be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Margaret Macgregor.

Mary E. McMahon, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That extended leave of absence until Nov. 1, 1884, be granted to Abby C. Burge, third assistant in the Lawrence District; and that Kate Haushalter be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Abby C. Burge.

Kate Haushalter, substitute.

Mr. Gallagher, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Extension of Andrew school-house yard.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to purchase land and extend the yard of Andrew school-house, on land of Kendall, in the rear of the school-house, provided the same can be purchased for a sum not exceeding one dollar per square foot.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, it was

Summer vacation.

Ordered, That the Committee on Examinations be requested to consider and report on the expediency of so arranging the time of the summer vacation that the same shall commence later in the season than at present and shall continue later in September.

Report of the Committee on Accounts; — appropriation for exhibit at New Orleans Exposition. [See pp. 130, 141.]

Mr. Rust, for the Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred — Sept. 23 — an order to the effect that the sum of five hundred dollars be appropriated for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the exhibit representing the Boston Public Schools at the World's Industrial and Cotton Exposition at New Orleans, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars be appropriated to be expended by the Committee on Supplies for furnishing an exhibit of the Boston Schools at the New Orleans Exposition, as selected and approved by the Committee on Examinations, in consultation with the Superintendent.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Lasker, for the Committee on Schools for Licensed Minors, it was

Accommodations for school for Licensed Minors.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to fit up a room in the Chardon-court school-house, for the accommodation of the school for Licensed Minors.

On motion of Mr. Davis, it was

Ordered, That the recommendations of the Superintendent concerning substitutes' service, contained in pages 10–13 of his annual report (School Document 4 of 1884), be referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations for consideration and report.

Recommendations of Superintendent in regard to substitute service.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence until December 1, 1884, be granted to Lucy E. Shove, third assistant in the Comins District; and that Alice A. Sanborn be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Lucy E. Shove.

Alice A. Sanborn, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence until January 1, 1885, be granted to Susan A. Dutton, third assistant in the Lewis District; and that Mary H. Thompson be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Susan A. Dutton.

Mary H. Thompson, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence for one month be granted to Laura E. Dyer, third assistant in the George Putnam District; and that Laura Jenkins be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Laura E. Dyer.

Laura Jenkins, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence until December 1, 1884, be granted to Emeline E. Torrey, third assistant in the Dudley District.

Leave of absence to Emeline E. Torrey.

Mr. Hobbs, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Anna M. Balch, elected second assistant in the Primary Department of the Dillaway District, be placed upon the third year of service in her grade, to date from September 18, 1884; her previous

Salary of Anna M. Balch.

service entitling her to the advanced salary under the provisions of Section 88 of the Rules.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Hobbs, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Sanitary defects Dearborn school-house.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to take immediate measures to remedy the sanitary defects in the Dearborn Grammar-School building.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following: —

Rank of principal of Evening High School. [See page 129.]

Ordered, That Section 339 of the Regulations be amended by striking out the word "master" in the last line, and inserting in place thereof the words "head master."

Rules suspended.

Passed to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, the rules were suspended, and the order was read a second time, and passed.

Mr. Hobbs, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Salary of teacher of Phonography in Evening High School.

Ordered, That the salary of Stephen O'Meara, elected teacher of Phonography in the Evening High School, be at the rate of twenty-five dollars per week of three evenings' service.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Hobbs, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Salary of clerk of Evening High School.

Ordered, That Thomas J. Barry, elected clerk of the Evening High School, be paid at the rate of three dollars per night, to date from Sept. 29, 1884; the same to be in full for all services required of him by both the Committee on Evening Schools and the Committee on Supplies.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Hobbs, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That teachers in the day schools be permitted to teach in the Evening High School the present year, to meet the need of teachers now existing in that school.

Teachers in day schools may teach in Evening High School.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — Sept. 9 — an order that Section 198 of the Regulations be amended in accordance with the provisions of Chapter LXIV. of the "Acts and Resolves of the State," passed at the last session of the Legislature, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; amendment of Section 198 of the Regulations, concerning contagious diseases. [See page 128.]

Ordered, That Section 198 of the Regulations be amended by striking out all after the word "another," in the sixth line, to and including the words "such family," in the tenth line, and inserting in place thereof the following words, "nor shall any child be allowed to attend any school in the city while any member of the household to which such child belongs is sick of small-pox, diphtheria, or scarlet fever, or during a period of two weeks after the death, recovery, or removal of such sick person."

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Mr. Hobbs, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 23 — an order that Section 248 of the Regulations be amended, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; age for admission to High Schools. [See page 138.]

Ordered, That Section 248 of the Regulations be amended so as to read, "Section 248. Applicants for admission to the High Schools must be at least thirteen years of age."

Accepted, and the order laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations; Report of Special Committee on work of Superintendent and Supervisors. [See pp. 60, 106, 139.]

Mr. Hobbs, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 23 — the order appended to the report of the Special Committee on work of the Superintendent and Supervisors, containing proposed amendments to the Rules and Regulations, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows,—

Section 122. Add the following words, "subject to the approval of the Committee on Examinations, he shall have power to order a special written examination of any class in the schools, whenever he thinks it necessary."

Section 141. Strike out in the twenty-second line the words, "not less than twelve schools." Substitute the following for the above words, "with the approval of the Committee on Examinations, the schools."

Add the following section to the Regulations : —

Section 170. The Principals shall make, semi-annually, during the months of June and December, written reports, through the Superintendent, to the Division Committees, as to the sanitary condition of the school-houses of their districts.

Section 138. Strike out in the first and second lines the words, "as their Board shall determine."

Section 151. Strike out in the first, second, and third lines the words, "The Board of Supervisors shall designate one or more of their own number to visit and examine the evening schools in their season." Substitute the following for the above words : "The several supervisors shall visit and examine the evening schools to which they are assigned by the Superintendent."

Add the following section to the Regulations : —

Section 123. He shall be responsible to the School Board as the executive in the department of instruction

over all supervisors, principals, and other instructors. Bienially, on the first day of April, beginning in the year 1884, he shall divide among the several Supervisors, as equally as practicable, the work of inspecting and examining the schools, required by Sections 138, 139, and 151 of the Regulations. He shall assign each supervisor a different group of schools every two years. He shall assign each supervisor one or more departments of study throughout all the schools of the city.

Mr. Davis moved that the order be laid on the table.

Mr. Murphy moved as a substitute that the order take its first reading.

The motion to substitute passed.

The order was read and passed to a second reading.

Report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations; rank of principal of the Tileston District. [See page 141.]

Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — Sept. 23 — an order that the rank of Hiram M. George, principal of the Tileston District, be that of sub-master, reported that the Regulations, Section 226, paragraph 3, provide that in schools of three hundred scholars, or more, the principal shall be a master. In schools of one hundred, or more, but less than three hundred, the principal shall be a sub-master. In schools of less than one hundred the principal shall rank as first assistant. By the action of the Board, in allowing to first assistants acting as principals an additional sum of $72 per annum, Mr. George's salary at present is $1,152. To pass the order referred it would be necessary to amend the Regulations, so as to provide that in all schools of less than three hundred pupils the principal shall be a sub-master, or to suspend the Rules. Your committee can recommend neither course. The school is situated in a section which is not at present a growing one, has an attendance of about seventy pupils, and is less than ten pupils

larger than it was seven years ago. The responsibility of a principal of so small a school with only one Primary School in the district, and that one located in the same building with the Grammar School, is very much smaller than that of the principals who rank as sub-masters, many of whom have several Primary Schools, at long distances from their Grammar Schools, for which they are responsible. The committee are of the opinion that there are not sufficient reasons to increase the rank of Mr. George, as proposed, and recommend that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

Report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations; loan of text-books and school supplies to pupils. [See page 142.]

Mr. Hobbs, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 23 — an order that the Committee on Supplies be instructed not to refuse to loan text-books, or other school supplies, to the pupils of the High or other public schools, notwithstanding the refusal of any parent of such pupils to sign the promise of indemnity required by said committee, reported that the following order, instead of the order referred, ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be authorized to require from pupils in the High Schools to whom books are loaned receipts in the following form: —

_____ SCHOOL, _____ 188

Having received from the CITY OF BOSTON, for my use, a copy of each of the following books:

_____ _____

I hereby promise to keep the same in good condition, and to return them to the Principal when he calls for them; and in case any book is lost or injured while in my possession I agree to replace the same by procuring a new copy.

_____ Pupil.

Approved:

_____ Parent.

The Parent or Guardian is requested to signify his approval of this promise.

Accepted.

Mr. Crowley moved to amend the order by striking out in the form of the receipt the words, "The Parent or Guardian is requested to signify his approval of this promise," and inserting in place thereof the words, "It is suggested that the Parent or Guardian signify his approval of this promise."

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the yeas and nays were ordered.

Previous question.

After a lengthy discussion, on motion of Mr. Gallagher, the previous question was ordered.

Mr. Crowley's amendment was lost by the following vote: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: — Messrs. Crowley, Darling, Hobbs, Lasker, Moran, and Naphen. — 6.

Nays: — The Mayor, Mrs. Fifield, Miss Peabody, Messrs. Cutter, Davis, Elliott, Gaffield, Gallagher, Hyde, Murphy, Perkins, Plummer, Rust, and Williamson. — 14.

The order passed as reported by the committee.

Mr. Moran offered the following: —

Teachers not to take active part in politics.

Resolved, That the Board considers it a reprehensible act for any person to circulate, or cause to be circulated, amongst the teachers in the public schools, any petition or document requesting the signature or support of instructors in the interest of any candidate or candidates for membership of the School Committee; and, further, that this Board holds it to be improper and censurable for the instructors in our schools, or any of them, to take active part in our municipal politics for the purpose of influencing the election of members of this School Board.

Laid on the table.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on the Second Division, offered the following: —

Salary of Mary F. Kittredge.

Ordered, That Mary F. Kittredge, fourth assistant in the Warren District, be placed upon the maximum salary of her grade, to date from Sept. 29, 1884, on account of previous acceptable service in the schools of this city.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Crowley offered the following: —

Text-books.

Ordered, That Section 195 of the Regulations be amended by adding the following to the section, "and all acts in amendment of or in addition thereto. And all teachers are required to conduct the business assigned to them of loaning or distributing school-books, or other supplies, in such manner as shall not expose to any one but the rightful authorities the names of pupils receiving loans of school supplies to which they are entitled by law."

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, offered the following: —

Accommodation for Grammar-School pupils in Bailey street school-house.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide accommodations for Grammar-School pupils in the Bailey-street school-house.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Annual report of the Board of Supervisors.

The Chair presented the annual report of the Board of Supervisors, which was accepted, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, it was

Screens for Genesee and Way-street school-houses.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to furnish screens in the Way-street and Genesee-street school-houses, in which special assistants are proposed to be employed.

Mr. Crowley, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the sum of $93.75 be paid to Esther M. Meserve, for services rendered as an instructor in the Quincy School while the school was without a submaster.

Compensation to Esther M. Meserve.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence until Jan. 1, 1885, be granted to P. Catherine Bradford, second assistant in the Franklin District; and that Addie M. Odiorne be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to P. Catherine Bradford.

Addie M. Odiorne, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on the First Division, it was

Ordered, That extended leave of absence until Jan. 1, 1885, be granted to Florence Carver, fourth assistant in the Lyman District; and that Jane E. Soutter be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Florence Carver.

Jane E. Soutter, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence until Jan. 1, 1885, be granted to Frances H. Turner, second assistant in the Emerson District; and that Susan E. McLane be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Frances H. Turner.

Susan E. McLane, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence until April 1, 1885, without pay, be granted to Hannah L. Manson, fourth assistant in the Emerson District.

Leave of absence to Hannah L. Manson.

Miss Peabody, for the Committee on Examinations, presented the following report of the Board of Supervisors on the results of the recent examinations for certificates of qualification: —

Results of recent examinations for certificates of qualification.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
MASON STREET, Oct. 10, 1884.

To the Committee on Examinations, —

In accordance with a vote of the Board of Supervisors, its Committee on Certificates report to you the following statistics of the August examination of candidates for teachers' certificates of qualification: —

	First Grade.	Second Grade.	Third Grade.	Fourth Grade.	Special Grade.	Total.
Whole number of candidates present at the examination.	21	20	19	61	7	128
Number who withdrew from the examination	1	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	1
Number who, teaching in the city, were allowed to take the first half of the examination	. . . .	. . . .	3	. . . .	. . . .	3
Number to whom certificates were not granted	3	3	3	17	3	29
Number to whom certificates were granted	17	17	13	44	4	95
Number who, having been refused higher certificates, were granted lower certificates	2	2	. . . .	1	1	6
Whole number to whom certificates were granted . . .	19	19	13	45	5	101
Number of these who had held certificates of a lower grade	2	. . . .	3	. . . .	. . . .	5
Number to whom certificates were granted for the first time	17	19	10	45	5	96

Yours respectfully,

ELLIS PETERSON,
For the Committee on Certificates.

Placed on file.

Miss Peabody offered the following: —

Special teachers to be appointed on probation.

Ordered, That all special instructors in day schools be appointed on probation, the term of probation and conditions of confirmation to be the same as for regular teachers appointed on probation.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Miss Peabody offered the following: —

Ordered, That for the months of November, December, and January the afternoon sessions of the public schools be from half-past one to half-past three o'clock. Hours of the afternoon sessions of schools.

On motion of Miss Peabody, the order was specially assigned for consideration to the next meeting of the Board. Special assignment.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, the Board adjourned at five minutes past nine o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Oct. 28, 1884.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the Vice-President in the chair.

Present: All the members except His Honor the Mayor and Mr. Doherty.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from the Committee on Public Buildings; O-street Primary School-house surrendered to School Committee.

CITY OF BOSTON,

OFFICE OF SUPT. PUBLIC BUILDINGS, Oct. 25, 1884.

Hon. A. P. MARTIN, *President of the School Board*: —

DEAR SIR, — I am directed by the Committee on Public Buildings to surrender to the School Committee the new Primary School-house erected on O street, South Boston, said building being now completed in accordance with the plans and specifications.

Yours respectfully,

H. B. FISHER, *Clerk*.

Placed on file.

The Chair read the following: —

Communication from City Council: Petition of South Boston Catholic Union for use of a hall in building on Fourth street.

CITY OF BOSTON,

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, Oct. 13, 1884.

The Committee on Public Buildings, to whom was referred by the Board of Aldermen — September 29 — the within petition from the South Boston Catholic Union, to be granted the use of the hall in the City Building, corner of Dorchester and Fourth streets, beg leave to

report, that said petition should be referred to the School Committee for consideration, as the hall asked for is now in use for school purposes.

For the Committee,

CHARLES V. WHITTEN, *Chairman.*

Accepted and referred accordingly. Sent down for concurrence. October 23, came up concurred.

A true copy.

Attest:

FREDERICK E. GOODRICH,
City Clerk.

The petition referred to was read by the Chair. The petitioners asked for the use of the hall at the corner of Fourth and Dorchester streets, South Boston, for one evening in each week.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, the prayer of the petitioners was granted.

The following order was read a second time: —

Amendments to Rules and Regulations; Amendment of Section 198 of the Regulations, concerning contagious diseases. [See pp. 128, 157.]

Ordered, That Section 198 of the Regulations be amended by striking out all after the word "another," in the sixth line, to and including the words "such family," in the tenth line, and inserting in place thereof the following words: "nor shall any child be allowed to attend any school in the city while any member of the household to which such child belongs is sick of small-pox, diphtheria, or scarlet fever, or during a period of two weeks after the death, recovery, or removal of such sick person."

Passed.

The following order was read a second time: —

Amendments to Rules and Regulations: Work of Superintendent and Supervisors.

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows, —

SECTION 122. Add the following words: "subject to the approval of the Committee on Examinations, he

shall have power to order a special written examination of any class in the schools, whenever he thinks it necessary."

SECTION 141. Strike out in the 22d line the words, "not less than twelve schools." Substitute the following for the above words: "with the approval of the Committee on Examinations, the schools."

Add the following section to the Regulations: —

SECTION 170. The Principals shall make, semi-annually, during the months of June and December, written reports, throught he Superintendent, to the Division Committees, as to the sanitary condition of the school-houses of their districts.

SECTION. 138. Strike out in the 1st and 2d lines the words, "as their Board shall determine."

SECTION 151. Strike out in the 1st, 2d, and 3d lines the words, "The Board of Supervisors shall designate one or more of their own number to visit and examine the evening schools in their season." Substitute the following for the above words: "The several supervisors shall visit and examine the evening schools to which they are assigned by the Superintendent."

Add the following section to the Regulations: —

SECTION 123. He shall be responsible to the School Board as the executive in the department of instruction over all supervisors, principals, and other instructors. Biennially, on the first day of April, beginning in the year 1884, he shall divide among the several supervisors, as equally as practicable, the work of inspecting and examining the schools, required by Sections 138, 139, and 151 of the Regulations. He shall assign each supervisor a different group of schools every two years. He shall assign each supervisor one or more departments of study throughout all the schools of the city.

The sections were considered separately.

The amendment to Section 122 passed.

The amendment to Section 141 passed.

Section 170 passed.

Yeas and nays. On motion of Mr. Davis, the yeas and nays were ordered.

The amendment to Section 138 passed by the following vote: —

Yeas: Messrs. Crowley, Cutter, Dacey, Darling, Elliott, Gallagher, Hyde, Lasker, Moran, Murphy, Naphen, and Plummer. — 12.

Nays: Mrs. Fifield, Miss Peabody, Messrs. Blake, Chapin, Davis, Flint, Gaffield, Perkins, Rust, and Williamson. — 10.

Mr. Flint moved to amend the proposed amendment to Section 151, by adding the following words, "after consultation with the Board of Supervisors."

Lost.

The amendment to Section 151, as read, passed by the following vote: —

Yeas and nays. *Yeas:* Messrs. Crowley, Cutter, Dacey, Darling, Elliott, Gallagher, Hyde, Lasker, Moran, Murphy, Naphen, and Plummer. — 12.

Nays: Mrs. Fifield, Miss Peabody, Messrs. Blake, Chapin, Davis, Flint, Gaffield, Perkins, Rust, and Williamson. — 10.

Mr. Flint moved to amend the proposed Section 123 by striking out the words, "He shall assign each supervisor a different group of schools every two years," and substituting therefor the words, "He shall assign each supervisor a special group of schools every two years, of which the half shall be made up of schools which have been under the charge of the same supervisor during the

two years previous to the time when each fresh change is made."

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the proposed Section 123 was amended by substituting the word "November" for the word "April."

Subsequently, on motion of Mr. Moran, the vote whereby the word "November" was substituted for the word "April" was reconsidered.

The motion to amend was lost.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the proposed Section 123 was amended by substituting the word "September" for the word "April."

Miss Peabody moved to strike out the last two lines of the section, as proposed.

Lost.

The proposed Section 123, as amended, would read as follows: —

SECTION 123. He shall be responsible to the School Board as the executive in the department of instruction over all supervisors, principals, and other instructors. Biennially, on the first day of September, beginning in the year 1884, he shall divide among the several supervisors, as equally as practicable, the work of inspecting and examining the schools, required by Sections 138, 139, and 151 of the Regulations. He shall assign each supervisor a different group of schools every two years. He shall assign each supervisor one or more departments of study throughout all the schools of the city.

Section 123, as amended, passed by the following vote: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Crowley, Cutter, Dacey, Darling, Elliott, Gallagher, Hyde, Lasker, Moran, Murphy, Naphen, Plummer, and Rust. — 13.

Nays: Mrs. Fifield, Miss Peabody, Messrs. Blake, Chapin, Davis, Flint, Gaffield, Perkins, and Williamson. — 9.

Motion to reconsider.

Mr. Gallagher moved a reconsideration of the vote last taken, hoping it would not prevail.

The motion to reconsider was lost.

On motion of Mr. Moran, it was

Change in assignment of supervisors.

Ordered, That the Superintendent be instructed to make the change in the assignment of supervisors as proposed in Section 123, as passed at this meeting, as soon as is expedient.

Report of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignation of teachers.

Adams District. — Mary E. Symonds, fourth assistant, Nov. 1, 1884.

Bowdoin District. — Elizabeth R. Preston, fourth assistant, Nov. 1, 1884.

Chapman District. — Sarah T. Synett, third assistant, Oct. 1, 1884.

Dearborn District. — George B. Buffington, submaster, Sept. 1, 1884.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANT, PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Special assistant, Primary School.

Prince District. — Josephine G. Dearborn, from Oct. 22, 1884.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHER.

Temporary teacher.

Prescott District. — Emma M. Gregory, fourth assistant, from Oct. 9, 1884.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Bowdoin District. — Elizabeth R. Preston, second assistant, Primary Department, from Nov. 1, 1884. Nominations of teachers.

Dearborn District. — John C. Ryder, sub-master, from Oct. 27, 1884.

Gibson District. — Emma A. Cochran, fourth assistant, from Nov. 1, 1884.

Warren District. — Carrie F. Gammell, fourth assistant, from Sept. 8, 1884.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Frothingham District. — Margaret J. O'Hea, third assistant. Confirmation of teachers.

Lyman District. — Gustavus F. Guild, third assistant.

Accepted.

TRANSFERS.

Bowdoin District. — Barbara C. Farrington, second assistant, to the position of fourth assistant in the same district, the transfer to date from Nov. 1, 1884. Transfers of teachers.

Winthrop District. — Priscilla Johnson, fourth assistant, to the same position in the Quincy District, the transfer to date from Nov. 1, 1884.

Accepted.

Mr. Cutter, for the same committee, on the recommendation of the Committee on Evening Schools, reported for confirmation the following-named assistants in the Evening High and Evening Elementary Schools for the term of 1884–85 : — Confirmation of assistants in Evening Schools.

Evening High School. — Charles A. French, from Oct. 6.

Bigelow School. — Alice L. Williams, Julia S. Dolan, from Oct. 13.

Eliot School. — Carrie L. Baker, from Oct. 14.

Lincoln School. — Ernest W. Branch, Sept. 29, 30.

Lyman School. — Caroline E. Nutter, from Oct. 14.

Warrenton-st. School. — Annie Nicholls, from Oct. 8.

Wells School. — Jennie M. Jackson, from Oct. 10; Grace A. Tuttle, from Oct. 13.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

Report of Committee on Text-books on Supplementary Reading.

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Text-books, submitted a report of that committee, in print, on Supplementary Reading. (Doc. 15, 1884.)

Laid on the table.

Pitman's Manual of Phonography and Reporter's Companion authorized as text-books.

Mr. Blake, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Benn Pitman's Manual of Phonography and Reporter's Companion be authorized for use as text-books in the Evening High School.

Laid on the table.

Special assignment; hours of the afternoon sessions of schools. [See page 165.]

On motion of Miss Peabody, the order concerning the hours of the afternoon sessions of schools was considered: —

Ordered, That for the months of November, December, and January, the afternoon sessions of the public schools be from half-past one to half-past three o'clock.

Mr. Moran moved to amend the order by inserting after the word "January" the words "the hours of," and by striking out all after the word "schools," and inserting in place thereof the following words, "shall be fixed at the discretion of the Division Committees."

Special assignment.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, the whole subject was specially assigned for consideration to 8 o'clock of the next meeting.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Drawing and Music be authorized to sign an agreement with the Prang Educational Company, stipulating that the yearly supply of drawing books, 1–7, of the new edition now in preparation, in conformity with the expressed wishes of the Committee on Drawing and Music, for use in the Boston schools, and to be ready for use in July next, shall be ordered at one time, the Prang Educational Company having, by the said agreement, offered on this condition to supply the said drawing-books to the Board without any increase of price.

Drawing-books; agreement with Prang Educational Company.

Referred to the Committee on Supplies.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be instructed to consider the expediency of printing the blackboard exercises in music, prepared under the direction of the Committee on Drawing and Music.

Blackboard exercises in music; printing of.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on the Third Division, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence until Jan. 1, 1885, be granted to Sarah Ripley, fourth assistant in the Eliot District.

Leave of absence to Sarah Ripley.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence until Dec. 1, 1884, be granted to Honora T. O'Dowd, third assistant in the Hancock District.

Leave of absence to Honora T. O'Dowd.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, reported the resignation of Henry N. Mudge, assistant in the Evening Drawing Schools, to take effect Oct. 25, 1884.

Resignation of teacher of Evening Drawing Schools.

Accepted.

Appropriations and expenditures.

Mr. Rust, for the Committee on Accounts, presented the following statement: —

OFFICE OF ACCOUNTS, MASON ST., Oct. 28, 1884.

The Committee on Accounts present to the Board the appropriations as made by the City Council for the present financial year, together with the expenditures incurred to date, being seven months' payments of the present financial year.

Object of Appropriation.	Appropriation, 1884-85.	November Draft.	Expenditures, 7 months, 1884-85.	Balance unexpended.
Salaries, Instructors .	$1,173,152	$98,105 89	$662,274 48	$510,877 52
Salaries, Officers . . .	59,020	4,998 33	35,028 33	23,991 67
School Ex. Salaries, Janitors .	86,000	7,224 57	48,786 48	37,213 52
School Ex. Fuel, Gas, Water .	67,000	819 30	47,968 05	19,031 95
School Ex. Supplies & Mis. Ex.	167,900	11,655 68	99,010 80	68,889 20
Total	$1,553,072	$122,803 77	$893,068 14	$660,003 86
Manual Training . . .	$2,500	$151 59	$1,540 06	$959 94

Amount expended for books, drawing materials, and stationery, for seven months, 1884-85 . . .		$78,980 31
Income from sale of books during the time . . .		7,640 21
Net cost for seven months, 1884-85		$71,340 10
Amount expended for books, drawing materials, and stationery, for seven months, 1883-84	$49,265 03	
Income from sales during the time . .	40,083 36	
Net cost for seven months, 1883-84		$9,181 67
Increase in the net cost to the city for books, drawing materials, and stationery, for seven months of 1884-85 over the corresponding time in 1883-84 . . .		$62,158 43

For the Committee on Accounts,
WILLIAM A. RUST,
Chairman.

Placed on file.

Mr. Flint, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding $10,000 (ten thousand dollars) for the purchase of arms and accoutrements for the Boston School Regiment, as may be selected and approved by the Committee on High Schools.

Appropriation for arms and accoutrements for School Regiment.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Williamson offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Regulations be so changed as to provide, —

Amendments to Regulations proposed; Evening Schools and teachers.

1. That the principals and the assistants of the evening schools be elected at the first regular meeting of the School Board in September.

2. That the assistants of evening schools be appointed on probation, the time of probation to be one term of the school, and the conditions of confirmation to be the same as for day-school teachers.

3. That Section 138 of the Regulations be interpreted as applying to evening as well as to day schools and teachers, except that the record of the results of the supervisors' examinations of evening schools shall be made before April 15.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Miss Peabody, the annual report of the Committee on Sewing (School Document 13, 1884) was taken from the table and accepted.

Annual report of the Committee on Sewing. [See page 142.]

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School-houses to whom was referred — Sept. 23 — an order that the City Council be requested to fit up additional rooms in the Tennyson-street school-house for the use of the evening drawing schools, reported that, as the accommo-

Report of the Committee on School-houses; additional accommodations for Evening Drawing Schools.

[See page 137.] dations asked for have been fitted up by the Superintendent of Public Buildings, no further action is necessary.

Accepted.

Mr. Lasker, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, offered the following: —

Enlargement of lot of Hyde Grammar School-house.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to enlarge the lot of the Hyde Grammar School-house by the purchase of the lot adjoining on the north-westerly side of the present lot.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Reports of Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — Sept. 23 — an order concerning the salary of Annie C. Murdock, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Salary of Annie C. Murdock. [See page 139.]

Ordered, That Annie C. Murdock, third assistant in the Prince District, be credited with one year and nine months' service in her grade; her previous service entitling her to said credit under Section 88 of the Rules.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Salary of Mary F. Kittredge. [See page 162.]

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 14 — an order concerning the salary of Mary F. Kittredge, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That on account of ten years' successful service in the schools of this city, Mary F. Kittredge, fourth assistant in the Warren District, be placed upon the maximum salary of her grade, to date from Sept. 29, 1884.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Salary of Florence E. Leadbeater. [See page 143.]

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 23 — an order that Florence E. Leadbeater, fourth assistant in the Charles Sumner District, be placed upon the fifth year of service in her grade,

reported that, after a careful consideration of the subject, they recommend that the order ought not to pass. Reports of Committee on Salaries.

Accepted.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 23 — an order concerning the salary of Almira G. Smith, reported that the following order ought to pass: — Salary of Almira G. Smith. [See page 142.]

Ordered, That on account of fourteen years' successful service in the schools of this city, Almira G. Smith, fourth assistant in the Charles Sumner District, be placed upon the maximum salary of her grade, to date from Sept. 25, 1884.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 14 — an order concerning the salary of Anna M. Balch, reported that the following order ought to pass: — Salary of Anna M. Balch. [See page 155.]

Ordered, That Anna M. Balch, second assistant in the Primary Department of the Dillaway District, be placed upon the third year of service in her grade, to date from Sept. 18, 1884; her previous service entitling her to the advanced salary under Section 88 of the Rules.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 14 — an order that Esther M. Meserve be paid the sum of $93.75, for services as an instructor in the Quincy School, reported that Mrs. Meserve performed the duties of sub-master during the time a vacancy in that rank existed in the school, and in the opinion of your committee she is entitled to the amount asked for, which is the salary of a substitute for a sub-master on his first year of service. Mrs. Meserve has already been allowed $67.50 as temporary first assistant, and the committee recommend that she be paid the Compensation to Esther M. Meserve. [See page 163.]

difference between the amount asked for ($93.75) and what has been allowed her ($67.50). The committee recommend the passage of the following order, under a suspension of the rules: —

Ordered, That the sum of $26.25, in addition to the compensation already allowed her as temporary first assistant in the Quincy School, be paid to Esther M. Meserve, for services as an instructor, while there was a vacant sub-mastership in said school.

Rules suspended.

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Committee on Text-books requested to report on order concerning approval of books used in the public schools. [See page 86.]

On motion of Mr. Moran, the Committee on Text-books were requested to report on the order referred to them — May 13 — concerning the approval of that committee of all books used in the public schools.

On motion of Mr. Gaffield, it was

Precautions against fires.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Schools be requested to call the attention of principals to the Regulations (Section 166) concerning precautions against fires.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the Board adjourned at 10 o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, NOV. 11, 1884.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Mr. Naphen.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The following communication was read: —

Communication from Board of Health; sending of pupils to ascertain reasons for absence of other pupils.

BOARD OF HEALTH, 32 PEMBERTON SQ.,
BOSTON, Oct. 30, 1884.

To the School Committee: —

The Board of Health deems it necessary again to call your attention to the habit of teachers in the public schools of the city sending out pupils to the houses of those pupils who may be absent from school, to ascertain the reasons for such absence. The practice is dangerous to the health of the pupils of the schools, and ought not to be tolerated. That the practice is still kept up we have abundant reasons for believing, not only from the testimony of parents, but also from that of our officers. For instance Inspector Gage reports that on Monday, Oct. 27, he was at house 155 F street, South Boston, where there have been several cases of scarlet-fever of late. While the officer was there a young pupil, named Annie Milligan, from the school on Broadway, between F and Dorchester streets, came there at the request of her teacher, Miss E. Johnson, to ascertain why the sick children were absent from school.

The Board of Health earnestly hopes that you will take such action as will effectually put a stop to this dangerous practice.

Very respectfully,

THE BOARD OF HEALTH,
By SAMUEL H. DURGIN,
Chairman.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Reports of the Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignations of teachers.

Dor.-Everett District. — Mary L. Nichols, fourth assistant, Nov. 1, 1884.

Prince District. — Ella F. White, third assistant, Dec. 1, 1884.

Wells Evening School. — Oscar J. Pfeiffer, principal, Nov. 8, 1884.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANT, PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Special assistant, Primary School.

Lyman District. — Jane A. Soutter, from Nov. 3, 1884.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Chapman District. — Edith L. Stratton, third assistant, from Oct. 1, 1884.

Dor.-Everett District. — Fanny M. Cartwright, third assistant, from Sept. 8, 1884.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Nominations of teachers.

Adams District. — Albertine A. Martin, fourth assistant, from Nov. 1, 1884.

Chapman District. — Angeline Crosby, third assistant, third year, from Nov. 11, 1884.

Dor.-Everett District. — Katharine Wark, fourth assistant, from Nov. 1, 1884.

Hancock District. — Anna B. Grimes, fourth assistant, from Oct. 13, 1884.

Mt. Vernon District. — Frances R. Newcomb, third assistant, from Nov. 1, 1884.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Emerson District. — Mary E. Plummer, second assistant, Primary Department; Lillian G. Bates, third assistant. Confirmation of teachers.

Sherwin District. — Annie M. Olsson, third assistant.

Wells District. — Helen M. Graves, fourth assistant.

Accepted.

TRANSFER.

Harvard District. — Mary L. Fynes, third assistant, to the same position in the Prince District, the transfer to date from Dec. 1, 1884. Transfer of teachers.

Winthrop District. — Ellen L. Collins, third assistant, to the same position in the Quincy District, the transfer to date from Nov. 1, 1884.

Accepted.

Mr. Cutter, for the same committee, on the recommendation of the Committee on Evening Schools, reported the following nominations for evening schools: — Election of teachers in evening schools.

Evening High School. — Assistants: Herbert L. Smith, E. Norris Sullivan, from Oct. 6; James W. Webster, Charles E. Hussey, Henri Morand, from Oct. 8; Manson Seavy, from Oct. 9; Arthur T. Whittemore, Edward A. Wilkie, from Oct. 10; Robert E. Babson, Luther W. Anderson, John F. Casey, William Gallagher, from Oct. 15; Walter S. Parker, from Oct. 17; W. E. Eaton, from Oct. 20; James A. Page, from Oct. 22.

Anderson-street School. — Elizabeth K. Bolton, assistant, from Oct. 16.

Dearborn School. — Elizabeth E. Backup, assistant, from Oct. 21.

Mather School. — Assistants: Mary E. Wilbar, Elizabeth T. Gray, from Oct. 13; Elizabeth E. O'Con-

nell, from Oct. 14; Katie E. Shea, Sarah M. Taylor, Mary G. Murphy, from Oct. 15.

Wells School. — Charles E. Hussey, principal, from Nov. 10.

Accepted, and the nominations of assistants, as above reported, confirmed.

Ballot for principal of Wells Evening School.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, the Board proceeded to ballot for a principal of the Wells Evening School.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Blake, Davis, and Dacey as a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes.

Charles E. Hussey elected.

The committee, having attended to that duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 20; necessary for a choice, under the rule, 13. Charles E. Hussey had 20 votes, and was declared elected as Principal of the Wells Evening School, from Nov. 10, 1884.

Pitman's manual of Phonography and Reporter's Companion authorized as text-books. [See page 174.]

On motion of Mr. Blake, the following order was taken from the table: —

Ordered, That Benn Pitman's Manual of Phonography and Reporter's Companion be authorized for use as text-books in the Evening High School.

The order passed.

Report Committee on Text-books on Supplementary Reading. [See page 174.]

On motion of Mr. Blake, the report of the Committee on Text-books on Supplementary Reading (School Doc. 15, 1884) was taken from the table and accepted.

Mr. Blake moved the passage of the order appended to the report: —

Ordered, That the lists of books as given in the report of the Committee on Text-books on Supplementary Reading (School Doc. 15, 1884) be authorized for use for supplementary reading in the several grades of schools as specified; the number of sets to be used, the number of copies in each set, and the distribution and assignment of the books, to be in accordance with the plans presented in said Document 15, 1884.

The order passed.

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Text-books, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Scholars' Reference Manual, to accompany a course of lectures on Zoölogy, be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin and High Schools.

Scholars' Reference Manual of Zoölogy.

Laid on the table, under the rule.

Mr. Blake, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 13 — an order that no book shall be used in the public schools as a text-book, reference-book, or otherwise, without the approval of the Committee on Text-books, reported that, in the opinion of the committee, the order ought not to pass.

Report of Committee on Text-books; all books used in the public schools to be approved by the Committee on Text-books. [See page 86.]

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the report was laid on the table.

Mr. Blake presented the following: —

BOSTON, November 8, 1884.

To the School Committee: —

The Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association contemplates giving a course of five lectures for the public good upon the following subjects: Heating and Ventilation; Epidemics and Disinfection; Drainage; Care of the Eyes; The Nervous System. As these lectures are designed especially for the teachers of the public schools, the association would respectfully petition to be allowed to deliver such a course before them, and to be granted the use of the hall of the Normal School for the above purpose.

Respectfully,

FRANK WELLS, M.D.,

Chairman of Committee on School Hygiene.

Petition of Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association; Lectures on School Hygiene to teachers.

Referred to the Committee on Examinations.

The Chair presented a petition, signed by Albert Myers, and twenty-two others, relative to a text-book in English literature.

Petition concerning a text-book in English literature.

The petition was as follows: —

To the Honorable School Board of the City of Boston: —

Your petitioners respectfully represent, that they are citizens of Boston, naturally anxious that the children attending the public schools should receive *full and correct* information upon such an important subject as that of English literature, and they assert, without fear of contradiction, that the existing text-books on this subject, now in use in the public schools of this city, are unfit for the purpose, as they either intentionally or unintentionally *ignore* existing Irish literature, which is too essentially necessary, comprehensive, and varied to meet with such ignominious treatment, particularly in view of the number of children of Irish parentage attending these schools; and your petitioners, in order to enable you to arrive at an unbiased conclusion, would respectfully ask you to compare any of the present text-books on English literature used in our schools, with J. O'K. Murray's "Lessons in English Literature." (See Boston "Pilot," Oct. 4th inst., page 3.)

Your petitioners do not consider this a "sentimental grievance," by any means; they believe that, considering the amount annually expended on the schools, the *best* education in the country ought to be given to the children, and they respectfully ask you to consider the facts herein set forth, and to take such other action as you may see fit.

Referred to the Committee on Text-books.

On motion of Mr. Moran, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, it was

Leave of absence to Ella F. Howland.

Ordered, That leave of absence until April 1, 1885, on account of ill-health, be granted to Ella F. Howland, fourth assistant in the Charles Sumner District, and that M. Edna Roome be approved as her substitute.

M. Edna Roome, substitute.

Mr. Moran, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Salary of Abner J. Nutter.

Ordered, That in consideration of twenty-seven years' service in the school, Abner J. Nutter, sub-master in the Mt. Vernon District, be placed upon the maximum salary of his grade, to date from Nov. 1, 1884.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Moran, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Clara I. Metcalf, fourth assistant in the Mt. Vernon District, be placed upon the maximum salary of her grade, to date from Nov. 1, 1884.

Salary of Clara I. Metcalf.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the following resolution, presented October 14, was taken from the table : —

Teachers not to take active part in politics. [See page 161.]

Resolved, That the Board considers it a reprehensible act for any person to circulate or cause to be circulated amongst the teachers in the public schools, any petition or document requesting the signature or support of instructors in the interest of any candidate or candidates for membership of the School Committee ; and, further, that this Board holds it to be improper and censurable for the instructors in our schools, or any of them, to take active part in our municipal politics for the purpose of influencing the election of members of this School Board.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, the question was divided.

The first part of the resolution, to and including the words "School Committee," was considered.

Mr. Gallagher moved to amend the resolution by striking out the words "a reprehensible act," and inserting in place thereof the words "contrary to the spirit of the Rules and Regulations of the School Board."

Accepted by Mr. Moran.

Mr. Hobbs moved to amend the resolution by inserting after the words "teachers in the public schools," the words "during the hours of the school sessions."

Lost, by a vote of 10 to 14.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the yeas and nays were ordered.

The first part of the resolution, as amended, passed by the following vote : —

Yeas: Messrs. Blake, Chapin, Crowley, Cutter, Yeas and nays.

Dacey, Darling, Davis, Doherty, Elliott, Flint, Gallagher, Hobbs, Hyde, Lasker, Moran, and Murphy. — 16.

Nays: The Mayor, Mrs. Fifield, Miss Peabody, Messrs. Gaffield, Perkins, Plummer, Rust, and Williamson. — 8.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the second part of the resolution was laid on the table.

Special assignment: hours of the afternoon sessions of schools.

On motion of Miss Peabody, the special assignment, being the following order, was considered: —

Ordered, That for the months of November, December, and January the afternoon sessions of the public schools be from half-past one to half-past three o'clock.

The question was on amending the order as proposed by Mr. Moran at the last meeting, by inserting after the word "January," the words "the hours of," and by striking out all after the word "schools," and inserting in place thereof the following words: "shall be fixed at the discretion of the Division Committees."

Mr. Blake moved to substitute the following order: —

Ordered, That the several Division Committees be authorized to change the hours of the sessions of the Grammar and Primary Schools, during the months of November, December, and January, in those districts where there may be exceptional reasons for so doing; provided the afternoon sessions shall be two hours in length.

The motion to substitute was lost.

Mr. Moran moved to substitute the following: —

Arrangement of afternoon studies in the schools.

Ordered, That the Superintendent be requested to instruct teachers to so regulate the studies that the children may not suffer on account of the insufficient light common at the closing hour of school; this instruction to apply to the months of November, December, and January of the current school-year.

Opinion of Superintendent.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, the Superintendent was re-

quested to state his opinion on the subject of changing the studies.

The Superintendent stated that the course of study would not be disturbed if the principals should rearrange the daily work in their schools so as to bring such work as would be least interfered with, on account of the light, into the last hour of the session. The course of study did not prescribe the hour of the day to be devoted to any particular study. As to whether the pending order would remove all existing difficulties, it was largely a question of details. It was difficult to give an opinion on the subject in a general manner. In some of the rooms, during the last hour of the afternoon sessions, even oral work would be pursued with difficulty; it was so dark that one could not easily distinguish objects across the rooms; it was difficult to see to pass up and down the stairs. The order to rearrange the studies would not, in his judgment, wholly remove the difficulties; to do that would require either that gas be introduced or that the afternoon sessions begin and end earlier than at present.

After discussion, on motion of Mr. Davis, the whole subject was referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Doherty offered the following: —

Committee on Investigation of charges of vacating school-houses in the interest of the liquor trade.

Ordered, That a committee of five be appointed to thoroughly investigate the charge that has been made from the platform and pulpit, and spread through the press, that members of this Board have been instrumental in causing school-houses to be vacated in the interest of the liquor trade; and that an invitation be extended to Messrs. Hale, Dudley, and others, who may have charges to make bearing on this subject, to appear before said committee.

Passed, by a vote of 12 to 8.

Subsequently the vote whereby the order was declared passed was reconsidered, by a vote of 12 to 6.

On motion of Mr. Gaffield, the order was indefinitely postponed.

Report of the Committee on Supplies; Drawing-books, agreement with Prang Educational Company. [See page 175.]

Mr. Davis, for the Committee on Supplies, to whom was referred — Oct. 28 — the order that the Committee on Drawing and Music be authorized to sign an agreement with the Prang Educational Co., stipulating that the yearly supply of drawing-books, 1–7, of the new edition now in preparation, in conformity with the expressed wishes of the Committee on Drawing and Music, for use in the Boston Public Schools and to be ready for use in July next, shall be ordered at one time, the Prang Educational Co. having by the said agreement offered on this condition to supply the said drawing-books to the Board without any increase of price, — reported that the Committee on Supplies will agree with the Prang Educational Co. to order at one time the estimated entire year's supply of the American Text-Books of Art Education, Nos. 1 to 6 inclusive, in consideration of the agreement of the publishers to revise these books in a manner acceptable to the Committee on Drawing and Music, and on condition that the use of the books is authorized by the School Board of next year, and that no change is made in the prices of the books. The committee also reported that, in their opinion, it is not necessary that an agreement should be signed by the Committee on Drawing and Music, as proposed.

Accepted.

Election of teachers of evening drawing-schools.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, reported the nominations of the following-named assistants of evening drawing-schools: —

Thomas E. Sweeney, Emma H. Bragdon, Walter L.

Dean, Henry T. Bailey, Wallace Bryant; to date from Oct. 20, 1884.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

Report of the Committee on Examinations on summer vacation. [See page 154.]

Miss Peabody, for the Committee on Examinations, to whom was referred — Oct. 14 — an order relating to a change in the time of the summer vacation, reported that, in view of the great uncertainty of the temperature in the month of September, and the probable difficulty of retaining pupils in the schools after July 4, it is, in their opinion, inexpedient to legislate on this matter.

Accepted.

On motion of Miss Peabody, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, it was

Leave of absence to Ella L. Howe.

Ordered, That leave of absence until Jan. 1, 1885, be granted to Ella L. Howe, fourth assistant in the Mather District.

Annual report of the Committee on Horace Mann School for the Deaf.

Mr. Gaffield, for the Committee on the Horace Mann School, submitted the annual report of that committee, which was accepted, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Darling, the Board adjourned at ten minutes past ten o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

In School Committee, Nov. 25, 1884.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members, except Messrs. Chapin, Darling, Doherty, Elliott, and Plummer.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving hem as printed.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Reports of the Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Andrew District. — Lizzie A. Chandler, third assistant, Sept. 1, 1884. Resignation of teachers.

Lewis District. — Althea W. Barry, third assistant, Dec. 1, 1884.

Lincoln District. — Martha F. Wright, third assistant, Oct. 26, 1884.

Stoughton District. — Mary Trumbull, third assistant, Dec. 1, 1884.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Dearborn District. — Caroline F. Seaver, from Nov. 6, 1884. Special assistants, Primary Schools.

Hillside District. — Mary E. McDonald, from Nov. 20, 1884.

Lowell District. — Mary C. Richards, from Oct. 21, 1884.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Allston District. — Mary A. Graves, first assistant, from Sept. 8, 1884.

Andrew District. — Carrie E. Norris, third assistant, from Sept. 8, 1884.

Lincoln District. — Hannah L. Manson, third assistant, from Oct. 27, 1884.

Stoughton District. — Martha E. Scott, third assistant, from Nov. 10, 1884; Maria A. Shields, fourth assistant, from Sept. 8, 1884.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Nominations of teachers.

Andrew District. — Elizabeth A. Souther, third assistant; Annie L. Clapp, third assistant, third year; from Sept. 8, 1884.

Harvard District. — Abbie M. Libby, third assistant, fourth year, from Dec. 1, 1884.

Lewis District. — Mary H. Thompson, third assistant, from Dec. 1, 1884.

Lincoln District. — Martha F. Wright, second assistant, from Oct. 27, 1884.

Rice District. — Nettie M. Getchell, third assistant, from Sept. 8, 1884; Lena M. Wills, fourth assistant, from Oct. 1, 1884.

Stoughton District. — Mary Trumbull, second assistant, from Dec. 1, 1884.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Bunker Hill District. — Eleanore S. Wolff, third assistant.

Dudley District. — Helen P. Hall, second assistant, Primary Department.

Gaston District. — Mary H. Dwyer, third assistant.

Lawrence District. — Cora S. Locke, second assistant; Lizzie J. Thing, fourth assistant.

Lincoln District. — Louise A. Pieper, third assistant.

Accepted.

Mr. Cutter, for the same committee, on the recommendation of the Committee on Evening Schools, reported the nominations of the following-named assistants of evening schools: — Election of teachers in evening schools.

Evening High School. — Philippe de Senancour, from Oct. 28.

Eliot School. — Mary E. McMann, from Nov. 12; Sarah M. Taylor, from Nov. 21.

Franklin School. — Elizabeth E. O'Connell, from Oct. 24; Kate A. Howe, from Oct. 27.

Quincy School. — George H. Cary, from Nov. 17; Alice L. Williams, from Nov. 21.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence until Jan. 1, 1885, be granted to Susan G. B. Garland, third assistant in the Lowell District, and that Ida S. Hammerle be approved as her substitute. Leave of absence to Susan G. B. Garland. Ida S. Hammerle, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence until Jan. 1, 1885, be granted to O. Augusta Welch, third assistant in the Lowell District, and that Mary E. Morse be approved as her substitute. Leave of absence to O. Augusta Welch. Mary E. Morse, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to Julia A. C. Gray.

Edith A. Andrews, substitute.

Ordered, That leave of absence until Jan. 1, 1885, be granted to Julia A. C. Gray, third assistant in the Comins District, and that Edith A. Andrews be approved as her substitute.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to Lucy E. Shove.

Alice A. Sanborn, substitute.

Ordered, That extended leave of absence until Feb. 1, 1885, be granted to Lucy E. Shove, third assistant in the Comins District, and that Alice A. Sanborn be approved as her substitute.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to Laura E. Dyer.

Laura Jenkins, substitute.

Ordered, That extended leave of absence until Jan. 1, 1885, on account of sickness, be granted to Laura E. Dyer, third assistant in the George Putnam District, and that Laura Jenkins be approved as her substitute.

Mr. Hobbs, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Salary of Maurice P. White.

Ordered, That, on account of ten years' experience of special value before entering the service of the city, Maurice P. White, sub-master in the Lowell District, be placed upon the seventh year of service in his grade, to date from Sept. 24, 1884.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, it was

Leave of absence to Esther F. Nichols.

Elizabeth W. Prescott, substitute.

Ordered, That leave of absence until Jan. 1, 1885, be granted to Esther F. Nichols, second assistant in the Andrew District, and that Elizabeth W. Prescott be approved as her substitute.

Death of Mary E. Balch.

Mr. Gallagher, for the same committee, reported the death of Mary E. Balch, late second assistant in the Lincoln District.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, it was

Ordered, That Ina F. Cook be approved as a substitute for Ella L. Howe, fourth assistant in the Mather District, granted leave of absence. Ina F. Cook, substitute.

Mrs. Fifield, for the Committee on Sewing, reported the nomination of Harriet E. Browne as teacher of sewing in the Minot District, term of service commencing Sept. 23, 1884. Harriet E. Browne elected sewing teacher.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed.

Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to make necessary repairs in the Way-street School-house, and cause the sanitary condition of the building to be improved. Repairs in Way-street School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Mr. Moran, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide additional Grammar-School accommodations in the Mt. Vernon District. Additional Grammar-School accommodations in the Mt. Vernon District.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Mr. Rust, for the Committee on Accounts, presented the following statement: — Appropriations and expenditures.

OFFICE OF ACCOUNTS, MASON ST., NOV. 25, 1884.

The Committee on Accounts present to the Board the appropriations as made by the City Council for the present financial year, together with the expenditures incurred to date, being eight months' payments of the present financial year.

Object of Appropriation.	Appropriation, 1884–85.	December Draft.	Expenditures, 8 months, 1884–85.	Balance Unexpended.
Salaries, instructors	$1,173,152	$102,904 30	$765,178 78	$407,973 22
Salaries, officers . .	59,020	4,998 33	40,026 66	18,993 34
School expenses. Salaries, janitors	86,000	7,167 13	55,953 61	30,046 39
School expenses. Fuel, gas, water	67,000	387 87	48,355 92	18,644 08
School expenses. Supplies and miscellaneous expenses . .	167,900	3,049 97	102,060 77	65,839 23
Totals	$1,553,072	$118,507 60	$1,011,575 74	$541,496 26

The expenses for the corresponding eight months of last year were as follows: Salaries of Instructors, $751, 556.78; Salaries of Officers, $39,213.32; Salaries of Janitors, $54,737.99; Fuel, Gas, and Water, $52,447.17; Supplies and Miscellaneous Expenses, $75,380.61; a total expenditure of $973,335.87. The increase in the gross expenditures for the past eight months, as compared with the corresponding time last year, amounts to $38,239.87.

For the Committee on Accounts.

WILLIAM A. RUST,
Chairman.

Placed on file.

Report of Committee on Accounts; arms and accoutrements for School Regiment. [See pp. 138, 177.]

Mr. Rust, for the Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred — Oct. 28 — an order that the Committee on Supplies be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars for the purchase of arms and accoutrements for the Boston School Regiment, such as may be selected and approved by the Committee on High Schools, reported that they have considered the subject, and are of the opinion that the appropriation granted to this Board for school purposes is sufficient to warrant the additional outlay. This committee has been informed that a favorable opportunity is presented for purchasing the guns, which is the principal item required under this order, and they are of the opinion that it might be well to make the expenditure the present year. They would,

therefore, recommend the passage of the following order as a substitute for the order referred to them : —

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars ($10,000), for the purchase of arms and accoutrements for the Boston School Regiment, if the same can be purchased at such a price as the committee shall consider reasonable ; said arms and accoutrements to be approved by the Committee on High Schools.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the following order was taken from the table : —

Ordered, That the Scholars' Reference Manual to accompany a course of lectures on Zoölogy be authorized for use as a text-book in the Latin and High Schools.

Scholars' Reference Manual of Zoölogy. [See page 185.]

The order passed.

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Text-books, offered the following : —

Ordered, That "The Phonographic Reader" and "The Reporter's First Reader" be authorized for use as text-books in the Evening High School.

Text-books in phonography.

Laid on the table, under the rule.

On motion of Mr. Blake, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the black-board exercises in music, prepared under the direction of the Committee on Drawing and Music, be authorized for use as a reference book for the use of the teachers in the Grammar and Primary Schools.

Black-board exercises in music. [See p. 175.]

On motion of Mr. Flint, the following order appended to the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations, presented October 14, was taken from the table : —

Amendment to Regulations; age for admission to High Schools. [See pp. 138, 157.]

Ordered, That Section 248 of the Regulations be amended so as to read : " Section 248. Applicants for

admission to the High Schools must be at least thirteen years of age."

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the order was amended so as to read: —

Ordered, That Section 248 of the Regulations be amended so as to read: "Section 248. Pupils under the age of thirteen years shall not be admitted to any High School without special permission of the Committee on High Schools."

The order as amended was read a second time and passed.

Mr. Flint, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following: —

Salary of Henry C. Jones.

Ordered, That Henry C. Jones, junior-master in the Latin School, be placed upon the second year of service in his grade, to date from Sept. 8, 1884.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; hours of the afternoon sessions of the schools. [See pp. 165, 174, 188.]

Mr. Flint, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — November 11 — the subject of the hours of the afternoon sessions of the public schools, reported that the committee are of the opinion that some change in the hours is desirable, and recommend the passage of the following order, under a suspension of the rules: —

Ordered, That for the months of December and January, of the present school-year, the hours of the afternoon sessions of the public schools be from a quarter before two to a quarter before four o'clock.

Rules suspended.

Accepted, and the order passed under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; communication from Board of

Mr. Flint, for the same committee, to whom was referred — November 11 — the communication from the Board of Health concerning the sending of pupils to ascertain the reasons for the absence of other pupils, re-

ported that the committee recognize the importance of guarding in every possible way the health of the pupils of our schools; and they believe the practice of sending pupils for other pupils is objectionable, and is likely to be too frequently resorted to. The committee find it impracticable, at this time, to recommend any course which will completely remove the practice: but they feel it to be their duty to urge that the teachers should exercise the greatest caution, and that the custom of sending pupils for absent pupils be curtailed as much as possible. The committee recommend the passage of the following order: —

Health on sending pupils for absent pupils. [See page 181.]

Ordered, That the teachers of the public schools be instructed to exercise the greatest caution in sending pupils to the houses of absent pupils to ascertain the reasons for such absence, especially forbidding them to enter the houses to which they are sent; and to reduce as much as possible this objectionable practice.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Flint, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — June 10 — an order that the teachers in the employ of the city aged sixty-eight years and over shall not be eligible for reëlection after the present school year, reported that, in the opinion of the committee, the order ought not to pass.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; teachers over sixty-eight years ineligible for reëlection. [See page 112.]

Mr. Moran moved to substitute the original order for the report.

Lost, by a vote of 8 to 9.

Mr. Crowley moved to substitute the following resolution for the report: —

Resolved, That teachers in the employ of the city aged sixty-eight years and over ought not in every instance to be eligible for reëlection, after the present school year; and the attention of each Division Com-

mittee in the annual canvass of instructors is called to this resolution.

Lost, by a vote of 5 to 9.

The Chair then put the question on the acceptance of the report, and the report was not accepted.

On motion of Mr. Dacey, the whole subject was recommitted to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on the Second Division, offered the following: —

Enlargement of lot of Harvard School-house.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to purchase adjoining land to enlarge the yard of the Harvard Primary School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to Lydia A. Simpson.

Clara B. Brown, substitute.

Ordered, That extended leave of absence until Feb. 1, 1885, be granted to Lydia A. Simpson, third assistant in the Bunker Hill District, and that Clara B. Brown be approved as her substitute.

Report of the Committee on Supplies; black-board exercises in music. [See pp. 175, 199.]

Mr. Davis, for the Committee on Supplies, who were instructed — October 28 — to consider the expediency of printing the black-board exercises in music, prepared under the direction of the Committee on Drawing and Music, respectfully report that, as under the rules and regulations no book should be used in the schools until its use has been authorized by the Board, this committee have requested the Committee on Text-books to consider whether the use of the book should be so authorized; and they recommend that the following order be adopted if, upon the report of the Committee on Text-books, the use of this book is authorized by the Board: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be authorized to print five hundred copies of the black-board exercises in music, prepared under the direction of the

Committee on Drawing and Music, at an expense not exceeding one hundred and seventy-five dollars, to be used as a reference book by the teachers in the public schools.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on the Third Division, it was

Ordered, That Alice M. Sibley be approved as a substitute for Sarah Ripley, fourth assistant in the Eliot District, granted leave of absence. Alice M. Sibley, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That Lillian M. Towne be approved as a substitute for Honora T. O'Dowd, third assistant in the Hancock District, granted leave of absence. Lillian M. Towne, substitute.

Mr. Hyde, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to purchase one hundred feet, front, vacant land on the northwesterly side of the lot of the school-house now in process of erection on Hammond street; the present lot being inadequate to provide sufficient yard-room for the school. Enlargement of Hyde School-house lot.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence until Jan. 1, 1885, be granted to Marion Henshaw, third assistant in the Sherwin District, and that Mary G. Murphy be approved as her substitute. Leave of absence to Marion Henshaw. Mary G. Murphy, substitute.

Mr. Hyde offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Secretary tabulate and send to the School Board and the principals of schools, twice a year, Tabular statement of tardinesses.

in January and June, the number of tardinesses in each school for the preceding half-year.

Referred to the Committee on Examinations.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, the Board adjourned at twenty minutes before nine o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Dec. 9, 1884.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Chapin and Elliott.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Reports of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Girls' High School. — Emily M. Deland, assistant, Nov. 1, 1884.

Prescott District. — Elizabeth C. Bredeen, fourth assistant, Jan. 1, 1885.

Sherwin District. — Martha A. Smith, second assistant, Dec. 1, 1884.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Girls' High School. — Annabel Stetson, assistant, from Nov. 3, 1884. Temporary teachers.

Dorchester-Everett District. — Annie N. Crosby, fourth assistant, from Nov. 3, 1884.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Prescott District. — Emma M. Gregory, fourth assistant, from Jan. 1, 1885. Nomination of teachers.

Stoughton District. — Maria A. Shields, fourth assistant, from Dec. 8, 1884.

Accepted.

Election of teachers of Evening Schools.

Mr. Cutter, for the same committee, on the recommendation of the Committee on Evening Schools, reported the following nomination of an assistant in the evening schools: —

Evening High School. — Rufus P. Williams, from Oct. 15.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed.

Election of teachers of special subjects in the Evening High School.

Mr. Cutter, for the same committee, reported that the Regulations provide that assistants in the Evening High School shall hold certificates of qualification of the first or second grade. There are some teachers employed in the school as teachers of special subjects, — Penmanship, French, etc., — who hold special grade certificates making them eligible as teachers of certain special subjects only. It has been the custom to elect such teachers without specifying the subjects they are to teach, and your committee think their election should restrict them to such subjects only as their certificates make them eligible to teach. In order that the action of the Board may appear right upon the records, and to insure the proper nomination of such teachers in the future, your committee report the nominations of the following-named teachers of special subjects in the Evening High School, for the term of 1884–85, with the rank of assistants: —

Teachers of French. — Arthur H. Solial, from Oct. 6; Henri Morand, from Oct. 8; Philippe de Sénancour, from Oct. 28.

Teachers of Penmanship. — Charles A. French, from Oct. 6; Henry C. Kendall, from Oct. 7; Arthur T. Whittemore, Orrin H. Carpenter, from Oct. 10; Franklin C. Irving, from Oct. 24.

Teacher of German. — John F. Stein, from Oct. 6.

Teacher of Phonography. — E. Norris Sullivan, from Oct. 6.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the following order was taken from the table: —

Ordered, That "The Phonographic Reader" and "The Reporter's First Reader" be authorized for use as text-books in the Evening High School. Text-books in phonography. [See page 199.]

The order passed.

On motion of Dr. Moran, the report of the Committee on Text-books, relating to the approval of all books used in the public schools [See page 185] was taken from the table and recommitted to the Committee on Text-books. Report of Committee on Text-books; all books used in the public schools to be approved by the Committee on Text-books.

Mr. Davis presented the following: —

Communication from sons of Nathaniel Bowditch, relating to memorials given to Bowditch School.

BOSTON, November 21, 1884.

The School Committee of Boston: —

The undersigned, sons of Nathaniel Bowditch, respectfully represent that, some years ago, certain memorials of Nathaniel Bowditch, (viz.: a bust of him, four bound volumes of his Translation of and Commentary on the Mécanique Céleste, by Laplace, and other lesser articles) were given by us to the Bowditch School, then standing in South street, Boston. The necessities of trade have required the demolition of that school-house. The school has been, in consequence of these necessities, merged chiefly in the Winthrop School, in Tremont street; a part of the smaller pupils being transferred to East street. It is, we have reason to believe, decided, eventually to give up the Bowditch School as a separate establishment. Under these circumstances the undersigned would ask of your Board, permission to remove the whole of said relics to the Public Library of the City of Boston, in order that they may be safely placed in the room which is now and will be forever devoted to the "Bowditch Mathematical and Astronomical Library."

Respectfully yours,

J. INGERSOLL BOWDITCH,
HENRY I. BOWDITCH,
WILLIAM I. BOWDITCH,
Sons of Nathaniel Bowditch.

Referred to the Committee on the Fourth Division.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, it was

Naming of primary school-house, corner of O and Fifth streets.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Sixth Division be requested to report a name for the new Primary School-building in the Gaston District, corner of O and Fifth streets.

Mr. Lasker offered the following: —

Amendment to Regulations proposed; day-school teachers to teach in evening schools.

Ordered, That Section 191 of the Regulations be amended by inserting after the word "employed" in the third line the following words, "except that male teachers in the day schools may be employed in the evening schools."

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations; special teachers to be appointed on probation. [See page 164.]

Mr. Flint, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — Oct. 14 — an order relating to the appointment of special instructors in day schools, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That Section 85 of the Rules be amended by adding the following words: —

"All special instructors shall be nominated on probation, the term of probation and the conditions of confirmation to be the same as for regular teachers nominated on probation."

Accepted, and the order passed to its second reading.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; recommendations of superintendent in regard to substitutes' service. [See page 155.]

Mr. Flint, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 14 — an order that the committee consider and report upon the recommendations concerning substitutes' service, contained in the last annual report of the Superintendent, reported that the following orders ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations have further time to formulate a plan with regard to substitutes' service.

Telephonic communication with schools.

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be requested to investigate and report whether it is practicable

to put the schools in telephonic communication with the School Committee Rooms, and if so, at what expense.

Accepted, and the orders passed.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations; amendments to regulations relating to evening schools. [See page 177.]

Mr. Flint, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 28 — an order proposing certain changes in the Regulations relating to evening schools and teachers, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows : —

Section 339, substitute the word "September" for the word "October" in the fifth line. Strike out the words "and assistants by confirmation" in the tenth and eleventh lines, and insert in place thereof the following words : "Assistants of the evening schools shall be nominated on probation ; the time of probation to be one term of the school, and the conditions of confirmation to be the same as for day-school teachers."

Section 138. Insert after "February 15" in the sixth line the following words, "for the day schools, and before April 15, for the evening schools."

Accepted, and the order passed to its second reading.

Election of teachers of evening drawing schools.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, reported the nomination of the following-named assistants of Evening Drawing Schools, Walter F. Brackett, from Nov. 12 to Nov. 20 ; Frank S. Mason, from Nov. 21.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

Committee on Drawing and Music to report in print.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Drawing and Music be authorized to report in print.

Report of Committee on Manual Training School.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Manual Training School, presented the following report: —

The Manual Training School has been organized for the current school year on the plan outlined in School Document No. 19, 1883. Ten classes of twenty boys each have been at work since the middle of September. These boys are from the Brimmer, Dearborn, Dwight, Lawrence, Phillips, Prince, Quincy, Rice, and Sherwin schools. The class from the Prince School not being full was supplemented by admitting a few boys from the Horace Mann School. There are two classes from the Rice School. Members of the School Board are invited to visit these classes while at their work in the basement of the Latin School building on Warren avenue.

The times assigned for the several schools are as follows: —

Monday, A.M.	Lawrence School.
Monday, P.M.	Brimmer School.
Tuesday, A.M.	Dwight School.
Tuesday, P.M.	Phillips School.
Wednesday, A.M.	Rice School.
Wednesday, P.M.	Sherwin School.
Thursday, A.M.	Rice School.
Thursday, P.M.	Quincy School.
Friday, A.M.	Dearborn School.
Friday, P.M.	Prince School.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Schools for Licensed Minors; resignation of M. Persis Taylor.

Mr. Lasker, for the Committee on Schools for Licensed Minors, reported the resignation of M. Persis Taylor, teacher in the Licensed Minors' School, to date from Dec. 1, 1884.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Examinations; petition of Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association. [See page 185.]

Miss Peabody, for the Committee on Examinations, to whom was referred — November 11 — the petition of the Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association, for the use of the hall of the Normal School for a course of lectures to teachers, reported that the committee recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that the Superintendent invite the teachers of all the

schools and the pupils of the Normal School to attend the lectures.

Accepted.

Miss Peabody, for the same committee, reported that the Board of Supervisors, in laying out the plan and times for diploma examinations to occur in June, need some action of the School Board to assist them in the interpretation of Section 203 of the Regulations, relating to graduating exercises of the public schools. Your committee recommend the passage of the following order: —

Dates of graduating exercises and School Festival.

Ordered, That the graduating exercises at the close of the year be held Tuesday, June 30; Wednesday, July 1; Thursday, July 2; and Friday, July 3; and that the Annual School Festival be held on said Friday afternoon.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence until Jan. 1, 1885, be granted to Henrietta Madigan, fourth assistant in the Winthrop District, and that Mary A. Murphy be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Henrietta Madigan.

Mary A. Murphy, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That extended leave of absence until Jan. 1, 1885, be granted to Sarah E. Adams, third assistant in the Brimmer District, and that Ida F. Taylor be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Sarah E. Adams.

Ida F. Taylor, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence until Jan. 1, 1885, be granted to Mary E. Davis, third assistant in the Winthrop District, and that Mary E. W. Hagerty be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Mary E. Davis.

Mary E. W. Hagerty, substitute.

Reports of the Committee on Salaries; salary of Maurice P. White. [See page 196.]

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — Nov. 25 — an order that on account of ten years' experience of special value before entering the service of the city, Maurice P. White, submaster in the Lowell District, be placed upon the seventh year of service in his grade, reported that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

Salary of Clara I. Metcalf. [See page 187.]

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Nov. 11 — an order concerning the salary of Clara I. Metcalf, fourth assistant in the Mt. Vernon District, reported that, on account of the peculiar location of the school at Germantown, where Miss Metcalf is teaching, and the expense which is necessarily incurred in going to and from the school, the committee recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That Clara I. Metcalf, fourth assistant in the Mt. Vernon District, be placed upon the maximum salary of her grade to date from Nov. 1, 1884.

Accepted, and the order paased.

The following communication was read: —

Communication from Superintendent of Schools; precautions against fires. [See page 180.]

BOSTON, December 9, 1884.

To the School Committee: —

The order passed by the Board, Oct. 28, concerning precautions against fire, has been executed.

The principals of schools were requested, in acknowledging receipt of my notice, to state what difficulties, if any, were in the way of a thorough observance of Section 166 of the Regulations.

The answers show that some difficulties are believed to exist.

In view of the importance of this matter I would respectfully suggest that the answers now in my hands be referred to some committee of the Board for consideration and report.

Your obedient servant,

EDWIN P. SEAVER,
Superintendent of Schools.

On motion of Mr. Darling, the subject was referred to the Committee on School-Houses.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the Board adjourned at ten minutes after eight o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Dec. 23, 1884.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: all the members except Messrs. Chapin, Cutter, Dacey, Doherty, and Perkins.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The following order was read a second time: —

Ordered, That Section 85 of the Rules be amended by adding the following words, —

Amendment to Regulations; special teachers to be appointed on probation. [See pages 164, 208.]

"All special instructors shall be nominated on probation, the term of probation and the conditions of confirmation to be the same as for regular teachers nominated on probation."

Passed.

The following order was read a second time: —

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows, —

Amendment to Rules and Regulations; evening schools and teachers. [See pages 177, 209.]

Section 339. Substitute the word "September" for the word "October," in the fifth line. Strike out the words "and assistants by confirmation," in the tenth and eleventh lines, and insert in place thereof the following words: "Assistants of the evening schools shall be nominated on probation; the time of probation to be one term of the school, and the conditions of confirmation to be the same as for day-school teachers."

Section 138. Insert after "February 15," in the sixth line, the following words: "for the day schools, and before April 15, for the evening schools."

Passed.

Report of the Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Davis, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignations of teachers.

Andrew District. — Emma K. Shaw and Charlotte N. Lothrop, third assistants, Sept. 1 and Dec. 2, 1884, respectively.

Dudley District. — Irene Fisher, fourth assistant, Jan. 1, 1885.

Dwight District. — Laura Frost, third assistant, Jan. 1, 1885.

Lawrence District. — Abbie C. Burge, third assistant, Nov. 1, 1884.

Sherwin District. — Alice T. Kelley, third assistant, Dec. 1, 1884; Alice G. Stockman, fourth assistant, Jan. 15, 1885.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Special assistants, Primary schools.

Allston District. — Gertrude R. Clark, from Dec. 3, 1884.

Quincy District. — Anna L. Hooker, from Dec. 18, 1884.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

English High School. — Melvin J. Hill and Walter H. Russell, junior-masters, from Dec. 8 and Dec. 10, 1884, respectively.

Allston District. — Mary A. Graves, first assistant, from Dec. 8, 1884.

Dearborn District. — Marvin M. Taylor, sub-master, from Oct. 13 to 22, 1884, inclusive.

Dorchester-Everett District. — Fanny M. Cartwright, third assistant, from Dec. 8, 1884.

Dudley District. — Cordelia G. Torrey, third assistant, from Oct. 28, 1884.

Lawrence District. — Ellen E. Leary, third assistant from Dec. 8, 1884.

Mt. Vernon District. — Jennie M. Jackson, third assistant, from Dec. 18, 1884.

Norcross District. — Julia S. Dolan, fourth assistant, from Oct. 1, 1884.

Phillips District. — Lillian M. Towne, third assistant, from Dec. 1 to 24, inclusive.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Andrew District. — Ella I. Cass, third assistant, from Dec. 2, 1884; Carrie E. Norris, third assistant, from Sept. 8, 1884. Nominations of teachers.

Bigelow District. — Ida A. Bloom, third assistant, from Dec. 1, 1884.

Charles Sumner District. — Mary E. Lynch, third assistant, from Dec. 22, 1884.

Dudley District. — Annie N. Crosby, third assistant, from Jan. 1, 1885; Alice L. Williams, fourth assistant, from Jan. 1, 1885.

Dwight District. — Marcia B. Day, third assistant, from Jan. 1, 1885.

Eliot District. — Nellie G. Murphy, third assistant, from Nov. 5, 1884.

Gaston District. — Laura L. Newhall, fourth assistant, from Sept. 8, 1884.

Lawrence District. — Kate Haushalter, third assistant, from Nov. 1, 1884.

Lincoln District. — Hannah L. Manson, third assistant, from Oct. 27, 1884.

Phillips District. — Elizabeth K. Bolton, fourth assistant, from Jan. 1, 1885.

Sherwin District. — Alice T. Kelley, second assistant, from Dec. 1, 1884; Sybel G. Brown, third assistant, fourth year, from Dec. 1, 1884; Mary G. Murphy, fourth assistant, from Jan. 15, 1885.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Charles Sumner District. — Jennie P. Hews, third assistant.

Dearborn District. — Elizabeth D. Mulrey, fourth assistant.

Dudley District. — Sarah E. Rumrill, and Helen M. Stevens, fourth assistants.

Lawrence District. — Edward H. Cobb, sub-master.

Accepted.

TRANSFER.

Transfer of a teacher.

Phillips District. — Emeline C. Farley, fourth assistant, to the position of third assistant on probation, in the same district, the transfer to date from Jan. 1, 1885.

Accepted.

Mr. Moran offered the following: —

Holiday.

Ordered, That there be no afternoon sessions of the public schools on Wednesday, Dec. 24; and that there be no sessions of the public day schools on Friday, Jan. 2, 1885.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Annual report of the Committee on Truant Officers.

Mr. Moran, for the Committee on Truant Officers, presented the annual report of that committee, as follows: —

Removal of Truant School from Deer Island.

The committee of last year urged the removal of the Truant School from Deer Island, to some more suitable location; and an order was passed by the Board, in March last, requesting the City Council to remove the school. Your committee feel so strongly that the subject is of great importance, and that the school should be removed to some other place than Deer Island, and as no definite action has been taken by the City Council, they renew the order.

The truant statistics for the past year are as follows: —

Number of cases investigated	16,317
found to be truants	3,667
of children put into school	358
complained of as habitual truants	190
on probation	83
sentenced to the House of Reformation	107
complained of as absentees	49
on probation	18
sentenced to the House of Reformation	31
complained of as neglected children	29
on probation	16
sentenced to almshouse school	13
Whole number of newsboys licensed during the year	372
Number of licenses returned and cancelled	25
Number of licenses now in force	347
Whole number of boot-blacks licensed during the year	41
Number of cases of contagious diseases reported to the several schools	2,685

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to remove the Truant School from Deer Island to some more suitable location; and to establish an industrial department in connection with the Truant School.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following: —

Vacation in evening schools.

Ordered, That, for the present year, the vacation in the evening schools shall be the week preceding Monday, Dec. 29.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Rust, for the Committee on Accounts, it was

Discharge of janitor of the Genesee-street School.

Ordered, That the janitor of the Genesee-street school be discharged for cause, said discharge to date from Nov. 21, 1884.

Mr. Rust, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Additional appropriation for exhibit at New Orleans Exposition.
[See pages 130, 141, 154.]

Ordered, That an additional sum, not exceeding two hundred dollars, be appropriated, to be expended by the Committee on Supplies for the exhibit of the Boston Schools at the New Orleans Exposition, as selected and approved by the Committee on Examinations, in consultation with the Superintendent.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, it was

Discharge of Fannie L. Baird (*née* Toppan).

Ordered, That Fannie L. Baird (*née* Toppan), third asssistant in the Bigelow District, be discharged from the service of the city as a teacher in the public schools; said discharge to take effect Dec. 1, 1884.

On motion of Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Textbooks, it was

Supplementary reading, Primary Schools.

Ordered, That "Modern Series Primary Reading, Part I.," be authorized for use as permanent supplementary reading in the Primary Schools.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, it was

Leave of absence to Ellen L. Wallace.

Sabina G. Sweeney, substitute.

Ordered, That leave of absence until March 1, 1885, be granted to Ellen L. Wallace, third assistant in the Bigelow District, and that Sabina G. Sweeney be approved as her substitute.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence until Feb. 1, 1885, be granted to Margaret J. Stewart, first assistant in the Lincoln District, and that Ida F. Sawyer be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Margaret J. Stewart.

Ida F. Sawyer, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That extended leave of absence until April 1, 1885, be granted to Ann E. Newell, second assistant, Primary Department, in the Norcross District; and that Julia S. Dolan be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Ann E. Newell.

Julia S. Dolan, substitute.

Mr. Gallagher, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Dec. 9 — an order requesting this committee to report a name for the new Primary school-house in South Boston, reported, that they recommend that the school-house be named in honor of the late Benjamin Pope, a respected citizen of South Boston, former member of the School Committee; at one time President of the Common Council, and a member of the Board of Aldermen at the time of his death.

Report of Committee on Sixth Division; name for Primary school-house corner of O and Fifth streets. [See page 208.]

Your committee recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That the new Primary school-house, in the Gaston District, on the corner of O and Fifth streets, South Boston, be called the Benjamin Pope School.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Lasker, for the Committee on Schools for Licensed Minors, reported the nomination of M. Persis Taylor as teacher in the Licensed Minors' School, on the maximum salary of her grade, to date from Dec. 1, 1884.

Election of M. Persis Taylor.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Rust, for the Committee on Accounts, presented the following statement: —

Appropriations and expenditures.

OFFICE OF ACCOUNTS, MASON ST., Dec. 23, 1884.

The Committee on Accounts present to the Board the appropriations as made by the City Council for the present financial year, together with the expenditures incurred to date, being nine months' payments of the present financial year.

Object of Appropriation.	Appropriation 1884–85.	January Draft.	Expenditures, 9 months, 1884–85.	Balance unexpended.
Salaries, Instructors .	$1,173,152	$102,594 44	$867,773 22	$305,378 78
Salaries, Officers . .	59,020	4,998 34	45,025 00	13,995 00
School Ex. Salaries, Janitors .	86,000	7,185 10	63,138 71	22,861 29
School Ex. Fuel, Gas, Water .	67,000	605 20	48,961 12	18,038 88
School Ex. Supplies & Mis. Ex.	167,900	2,756 85	104,817 62	63,082 38
	$1,553,072	$118,139 93	$1,129,715 67	$423,356 33

The expenses for the corresponding nine months of last year were as follows: Salaries of Instructors, $851.850.64; Salaries of Officers, $44.115; Salaries of Janitors, $61,818.99; Fuel, Gas, and Water, $53,005.38; Supplies and Miscellaneous Expenses, $80,254.15; making a total expenditure of $1,091,044.16.

For the Committee on Accounts,
WILLIAM A. RUST,
Chairman.

Placed on file.

Mr. Murphy offered the following: —

Cellar of Quincy-street school-house to be cemented.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cement the cellar of the Quincy-street Primary school-house, Mather District, during the coming vacation.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Plummer offered the following: —

Enlargement of lot of Austin school-house.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to purchase additional land adjoining the Austin school-house.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Miss Peabody, for the Committee on Examinations, to whom was referred — Nov. 25 — an order concerning a monthly statement of the number of tardinesses in each district, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Report of Committee on Examinations; tabular statement of tardinesses. [See page 203.]

Ordered, That the Secretary tabulate and submit to the School Board, at the first meeting in each month, beginning with February, 1885, for incorporation in the Minutes, the whole number of pupils, the average attendance, the number of tardinesses, and the ratio of the cases of tardiness to the average attendance, in each district, for the preceding month.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Elliott, for the Committee on the Third Division, it was

Ordered, That extended leave of absence until April 1, 1885, be granted to Clara J. Raynolds, fourth assistant in the Bowdoin District, and that Ada K. Richards be approved as her substitute.

Leave of absence to Clara J. Raynolds.

Ada K. Richards, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Murphy, for the Committee on the Third Division, it was

Ordered, That, on account of ill-health, leave of absence, from Jan. 1, 1885, until April 1, 1885, be granted to Anna M. Prescott, third assistant in the Bunker Hill District.

Leave of absence to Anna M. Prescott.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on School-houses, to whom was referred — Nov. 25 — an order concerning additional yard-room for the Harvard Primary school-building, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Report of Committee on School-houses; additional yard-room for Harvard Primary school-house. [See page 202.]

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to purchase adjoining land to enlarge the yard of the Harvard Primary school-house.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of the Committee on School-houses; repairs in Way-street School-house. [See page 197.]

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Nov. 25 — an order concerning repairs in the Way-street Primary school-house, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cause necessary repairs to be made in the Way-street school-house, and cause the sanitary condition of the building to be improved.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Abner J. Nutter. [See page 186.]

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — Nov. 11 — an order that, in consideration of twenty-seven years' service in the school, Abner J. Nutter, sub-master in the Mt. Vernon District, be placed upon the maximum salary of his grade, reported that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

Report of the Committee on Salaries; salary of Henry C. Jones. [See page 200.]

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Nov. 25 — an order that Henry C. Jones, junior-master in the Latin School, be placed upon the second year of service in his grade, reported that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, it was

Unfinished business referred.

Ordered, That all unfinished business at the close of this meeting be referred to the next School Board.

Mr. Hobbs offered the following : —

Vote of thanks to Hon. Augustus P. Martin, President of the School Committee.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board be presented to the Hon. Augustus P. Martin, the President of the Board, for the able, dignified, and courteous manner in which he has presided over its deliberations during the past year, and for the personal interest he has always manifested for the welfare of the public schools.

Passed unanimously.

The President responded in a brief and courteous address.

Mr. Flint offered the following: —

Resolved, That the thanks of the Board be presented to Mr. George M. Hobbs, for the able and impartial manner in which he has performed the duties of Vice-President of the Board for the past year.

Vote of thanks to Vice-President George M. Hobbs.

Passed unanimously.

The Vice-President courteously responded.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the Board adjourned at ten minutes past eight o'clock, *sine die*.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES,
Secretary.

INDEX.

Page

Absent pupils sent for by other pupils.....181, 200, 201
Accounts, Committee on. (See Committee on Accounts.)
Adams, Sarah E., leave of absence.....139, 211
Adjournment.....8, 223
Afternoon sessions of schools, hours of.....165, 174, 188, 189, 200
Age of pupils for admission to High Schools, amendment proposed...138, 157
rules amended.....199, 200
Andrew School-house, enlargement of yard..... 154
Andrews, Edith A., substitute..... 196
Laura E., temporary teacher..... 35
Annual Report, Committee on. (See Committee on Annual Report.)
School Festival, committee appointed..... 72
report..... 96
date of..... 96
Appointments on Committees.....5, 6, 7, 8, 14, 44
Appropriation for arms and accoutrements for School Regiment....138, 177, 198, 199
Evening Schools, transfer of..... 25
fuel, gas, and water, exceeded..... 39
printing posters, etc., for Evening Schools..... 137
Drawing Schools.. 152
school exhibit at New Orleans Exposition, 130, 141, 154, 218
Appropriations and expenditures.17, 18, 37, 38, 58, 59, 176, 197, 198, 219, 220
Armes, Annetta F., confirmation of..... 97
Arnold, Louise P., leave of absence..... 128
Atherton, Lily B., confirmation of..... 135
School-house, improvements in.....119, 120
Auditing Clerk, elected..... 4, 5
salary of..... 60
assistant to..... 43
Austin School-house, enlargement of yard..... 220

Badlam, Mary E., resignation of..... 9
Bailey-street School-house, grammar accommodations in.....140, 141, 162
use of room in, for private school ..129, 140, 141
Baird, Fannie L. (*née* Toppan), discharge of..... 218

Page
Baker, Carrie L., special assistant 103
Emma I., transfer of 149
Sarah J., salary of 52
Baker-street School-house to be supplied with Cochituate water 143
Balch, Anna M., nomination of 147
salary of 155, 156, 179
Mary E., death of 196
leave of absence 16, 70, 153
Bancroft, Clara, confirmation of 125
resignation of 133
"Bands of Mercy," formation of 79
Banker, Benson B., substitute 41
Barbour, Ellen M., temporary teacher 10
Baright, Helen D., nomination of 84
salary of 99, 113
Barrows, Sara W., resignation of 145
Barry, Althea W., resignation of 193
Anna K., special assistant 83
substitute 19, 139
Thomas J., salary of 156
Bassett, J. Gardner, salary of 98, 113
Bates, Lillian G., confirmation of 183
transfer of 36
Phineas, elected secretary 4
qualified as clerk of the corporation 5
Beal, Adaline, transfer of 11
Benjamin, Georgiana, nomination of 24
Benjamin Pope School, name given to O-street primary school 219
Bennett District, additional grammar accommodations 32, 52, 127
Bense, E. Isabelle, leave of absence 19, 72
Bibbey, Mary L., confirmation of 11
Bicknell, Florence, confirmation of 135
Bigelow District, additional school accommodations 98, 140
discharge of Fannie L. Baird (*née* Toppan) 218
Black, Emma F., leave of absence 111
Blanchard, Kate E., leave of absence 17, 69
Bloom, Ida A., nomination of 215
Blossom-street School, temporary accommodations for 121, 122
Board of Supervisors. (See Supervisors.)
Bolan, Joel C., confirmation of 125
transfer of 125
Boland, Mary A., confirmation of 36
Bolton, Elizabeth K., nomination of 216
Bond, Annie E., death of 52
leave of absence 37

Page
Bond, Annie E., payment of salary of 52
Bonney, Isadora, resignation of 134
Booth, Clara H., resignation of 145
Bowditch District, enlargement of 41, 140
School, communication concerning memorials in 207
and Winthrop Districts consolidated 129, 140
Bowdoin School, election of principal 104
nomination of principal 104
resignation of principal 103
resolutions on 105
Brackett, Sarah A., leave of absence 137
payment of substitute 137
reëlection of 58
Walter F., resignation of 152
Bradford, Edith M., confirmation of 97
P. Catherine, leave of absence 117, 163
Bradley, Anna J., confirmation of 97
Bray, Mrs. Sarah J., nomination of 19
Bredeen, Elizabeth C., leave of absence 88, 138
resignation of 205
Breed, Nellie J., substitute 17, 69
Brimmer School-house, Common street to be macadamized in front of ... 111
Brintnall, Eliza, resignation of 133
Britt, Annie, substitute 16
Brown, Clara A., temporary teacher 146
B., substitute 138, 202
Daniel C., resignation of 103
resolutions on 105
Elizabeth J., leave of absence 17, 69
resignation of 133
Ella F., confirmation of 135
Emma G., nomination of 134
substitute 17, 69
Sybel G., nomination of 216
substitute 78, 128
Sylvester, confirmation of 74
William H., substitute 128
temporary teacher 146
Browne, Harriet E., appointed sewing teacher in Minot School 197
Bryant, M. Lizzie, confirmation of 36
Buckley, Mary J., confirmation of 125
Rebecca A., transfer of 148
Buffington, George B., resignation of 172
Bunker, Alfred, elected principal of Quincy School 126
nomination of 125

Page
Bunker, Alfred, resignation of 134
Burge, Abbie C., leave of absence 41, 70, 98, 153
resignation of 214
Burgess, Ellen E., resignation of 23
Burns, Margaret M., substitute 40
Butterfield, Myra S., nomination of 10
resignation of 9, 145

Calisthenics, reëlection of instructors in 48, 49
Callender, Addie J., leave of absence 137
Campbell, Elizabeth, confirmation of 66
Card, Lucy G. M., temporary teacher 74, 104
Carey, Henry G., nomination of 68, 86
Carpenter, Frank O., confirmation of 147
Lena L., nomination of 147
Cartwright, Fannie M., special assistant 74
temporary teacher 104, 182, 215
Carty, John D., *et al.*, petition for additional accommodations in Lowell District 21, 33
Carver, Florence, leave of absence 100, 163
Cary, George H., temporary teacher 146
Cass, Ella I., nomination of 215
Catalogue of Normal School, edition of 129
Cate, Mary S., nomination of 147
Certificates of qualification, report on results of examination for 163, 164
Chandler, Lizzie A., resignation of 193
Channell, Emma J., nomination of 36
transfer of 36
Chapman, Amy R., confirmation of 104
Chardon-court school-house, use of room in for Licensed Minors' School .. 154
vacation school in 100
"Charts of Life," authorized for Normal and High Schools 12
Chase, Leverett M., leave of absence 117
Chesley, Egbert M., nomination of 124
Child, Charlotte L., nomination of 10
resignation of 145
Choate, M. Luetta, nomination of 35
City Clerk, communication from 3
Clapp, Annie L., nomination of 194
temporary teacher 146
Clark, Gertrude R., special assistant 214
Cleary, Emma M., nomination of 66
Cobb, Edward H., confirmation of 216
Coburn, Maria J., transfer of 148
Cochituate water in Baker-street school-house 143

Page
Cochran, Agnes M., substitute 99
Emma A., nomination of 173
special assistant 48
Colburn, Annie C., confirmation of 11
Colligan, Lizzie A., transfer of 148
Collins, Ellen L., transfer of 183
Mary A., confirmation of 36
Colson, J. Lillian, nomination of 124
special assistant 97
Comins District, additional grammar accommodations 107, 119
Committee on Accounts, appointed 6
matters referred ...15, 18, 25, 84, 141, 177, 208, 209
report...17, 18, 37, 38, 39, 58, 59, 60, 107, 154, 176, 197, 198, 199, 219, 220
edition of 84
to report in print 84
Accounts and Supplies, report....25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32
Annual Report, appointed 6
report 49, 50
edition of 50
School Festival, appointed 72
report 96
Drawing and Music, appointed 6
granted further time to report 61
matters referred 34, 68
report..14, 40, 61, 67, 68, 75, 76, 86, 105, 106, 122, 152, 175, 190, 191, 209
resignation of Edwin H. Darling 92
to make agreement with Prang Educational Co. 175, 190
report in print 209
Wm. C. Williamson appointed 92
Eighth Division, appointed 7
matters referred 55
report 15, 16, 116
Elections, appointed 6
Evening Schools, appointed 6
Examinations, appointed 6
matters referred..60, 63, 130, 132, 154, 185, 204
report ...18, 19, 79, 80, 122, 141, 142, 163, 164, 191, 210, 211, 221
Fifth Division, appointed 7
First Division, appointed 7
Fourth Division, appointed 7

Page
Committee on Fourth Division, matters referred 208
High Schools, appointed 7
report 110
Horace Mann School, appointed 6
report 52, 58, 88, 191
Legislative Matters, appointed 5
Manual Training School, appointed 14
report 67, 210
Ninth Division, appointed 8
Nominations, appointed 6
matters referred 50
report 9, 10, 11, 12, 23, 24, 25, 35, 36, 37, 45, 46, 47. 48, 54, 65, 66, 73, 74, 83, 84, 97, 103, 104, 116, 123, 124, 125, 126, 133, 134, 135, 136, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151. 172, 173, 174, 182, 183, 184, 193, 194, 195, 205, 206, 214, 215, 216
Nominations and Fourth Division, report 125
Third Division, report 104
Normal School, appointed 7
Primary School Instruction, annulled 21
appointed 6
Public Buildings, communication from 115
Rules and Regulations, appointed 6
granted further time to report on substitute service 208
matters referred ..13, 62, 100, 112, 128, 129, 138, 139, 141, 142, 155, 162, 164, 165, 177, 181, 189, 202, 208
report ..71, 72, 120, 121, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 200, 201, 202, 208, 209
Salaries, annual report 43, 44
appointed 6
matters referred ...15, 33, 42, 57, 70, 88, 98, 99, 106, 107, 111, 114, 139, 142, 143, 156, 162, 163, 186, 187, 196, 200
report...32, 43, 44, 77, 78, 89, 90, 113, 114, 131, 178, 179, 180, 212, 222
Schools for Licensed Minors, appointed 7
report 57, 58, 210, 219

Page
Committee on School-houses, appointed 7
matters referred ..8, 15, 17, 25, 32, 33, 37, 41, 49, 50, 77, 81, 89, 98, 99, 100, 107, 110, 117, 129, 138, 178, 197, 202, 212, 220
report ...19, 20, 51, 52, 82, 118, 119, 139, 140, 141, 177, 178, 221, 222
Second Division, appointed 7
Seventh Division, appointed 7
matters referred 21, 89
report 33
Sewing, appointed 7
report 19, 34, 56. 127, 142, 177, 197
Sixth Division, appointed 7
matters referred 208
report 219
Supplies, appointed 7
matters referred 12, 175
report 99, 107, 108, 109, 190, 202, 203
edition of 85
to communicate with publishers of text-books concerning the prices and binding of the books recommended 85. 86
report in print 85
Text-books, appointed 7
granted further time to report 70
on supplementary reading 96
matters referred 76, 86, 180, 185, 186, 207
report....12, 84, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 174, 184, 185, 199, 207, 218
on supplementary reading ...174, 184, 185
to approve all books used in the public schools, 86, 180, 185, 207
report in print 84
on supplementary reading.. 96, 153
Third Division, appointed 7
matters referred 53
report 61
Truant-officers, appointed 7
report 57, 216, 217
to collect certificates of members elect, appointed 4
report 4

Page
Committee to consider number and work of supervisors, appointed 44
report, 50, 51, 53, 54
edition of, 56
work of superintendent and supervisors appointed, 60
report, 106, 139, 158, 159
investigate charges of vacating school-houses in interest of liquor trade 189, 190
Committees, appointments on 5, 6, 7, 8, 14, 44, 72, 92, 120
report of Committee on Rules and Regulations 120
resignations from 44, 92
Common street to be macadamized in front of Brimmer School-house ... 111
Communication from Board of Aldermen 167
Health 120, 181, 200, 201
Boston Turn-Verein for use of Wait School-house, 132, 141, 142
City Clerk 3, 167
Commissioner of World's Industrial and Cotton Centennial Exposition, New Orleans ... 130, 141, 154
Committee on Public Buildings 115, 167
sons of Nathaniel Bowditch 207
superintendent of schools 120, 212
Compensation to Charles A. French 106, 107, 131
Earle G. Greenleaf 15, 77, 78
Esther M. Meserve 163, 179, 180
Concord-street School, payment of salary of janitor 56
Concrete paving for Mason street 122
Confirmation of teachers. (See Teachers, confirmation of.)
Consolidation of Bowditch and Winthrop Districts 129, 140
Contagious diseases, amendment proposed 128, 129, 157
rules amended 168
Cook, Ina F., substitute 197
Copyist in offices of School Department, salary of 43
Cormier, Elizabeth R., confirmation of 11
"Cosmograph," authorized 12
Courtney, Frank F., nomination of 147
Crafts, Hannah F., nomination of 66
resignation of 65
Crocker, Lucretia, elected supervisor 55
Sarah E., leave of absence 16, 69
Crooke, Flora I., resignation of 133
Crosby, Angeline, nomination of 182
Annie N., nomination of 215
special assistant 146

Page
Crosby, Annie N., temporary teacher 205
Cross, Mary A. P., confirmation of 74
Cudworth, Angelina M., leave of absence 32
resignation of 65
Cunningham, Delia E., confirmation of 136
Currier, Mary A., reëlection of 48, 49
resignation of 123
Curtis, Grace L., substitute 17
J. Langdon, confirmation of 10
Cushman School-house, kindergarten in 152
vacation school in 85
Cutter, Abram E., elected treasurer of the corporation 5
Adeline F., leave of absence 14

Darling, Annie N., special assistant 48
Edwin H., resignation from Committee on Drawing and Music .. 92
Davis, Gertrude P., confirmation of 36
nomination of 135
resignation of 133
salary of 33, 43
Ida H., transfer of 136
Mary E., leave of absence 211
K., confirmation of 148
Day, Marcia B., nomination of 215
schools, teachers of to teach in evening schools 157, 208
Dearborn District, additional grammar accommodations 51
Josephine G., special assistant 172
School-house, sanitary improvements in 118, 156
Death of Mary E. Balch 196
Annie E. Bond 52
George W. Neal 126
Deland, Emily M., resignation of 205
Dickey, Alice M., leave of absence 139
Dillaway School, salary of master 52
Diploma examination papers, reëxamination of by Board of Supervisors, 18, 19, 60, 122
Discharge of Fannie L. Baird (*née* Toppan) from Bigelow School 218
janitor of Genesee-street School 218
Dodge, Agnes L., confirmation of 97
Doherty, Elizabeth J., substitute 72
Dolan, Julia S., substitute 219
temporary teacher 215
Donovan, John, *et al.*, petition for reöpening North Harvard-street School-house 55, 116
Dorchester-Everett School-house, improvements in 39

Page
Douard, Franz, *et al.*, petition for school-house on Parker street 21, 33
Drake, Mabel, special assistant 124
Drawing books, agreement with Prang Educational Company 175, 190
director elected 67
text-books in 68, 75, 76, 96, 153, 175, 190
Drawing and Music, Committee on. (See Committee on Drawing and Music.)
Driscoll, Julia M., transfer of 148
Dudley School-house, additional yard room 81, 140
Duncan, Anna I., nomination of 66
resignation of 65
Dunham, Belle J., leave of absence 117
Dunn, Clara C., transfer of 148
Dutton, Lewis H., elected principal of Hancock School 105
resignation of 123
Susan A., leave of absence 117, 155
Dwyer, Mary H., confirmation of 195
leave of absence 98
Dyer, Ellen M., reëlection of 48, 49
resignation of 73
Laura E., leave of absence 155, 196

Eaton, Lucy W., confirmation of 135
Edmands, Anna M., confirmation of 148
Eichberg, Julius, nomination of 68, 86
Eighth Division, Committee on. (See Committee on Eighth Division.)
Election of auditing clerk 4, 5
messenger 5
secretary 4
superintendent 42
supervisors 42, 52, 54, 55
treasurer of the corporation 5
vice-president 4
Elections, Committee on. (See Committee on Elections.)
Electric lights for School Committee Chamber 61
Eliott, Lucy C., temporary teacher 10
Ellis, Anna C., resignation of 23
English Literature, petition concerning text-book in 185, 186
Estimates, additional, for free books 59, 60
for salaries of music instructors 15
of School Committee, 1884–85 .....25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32
Eustis-street School-house, petition concerning sanitary condition of ..89, 119
Evening Schools, appropriation for printing posters, postal cards, etc.... 137
Committee on. (See Committee on Evening Schools.)
regulations of, amendment proposed 177, 209

Page
Evening Schools, regulations of, rules amended 213
teachers in day schools to teach in 157, 208
to be nominated on probation.....177, 209, 213
vacation in..... 218
Drawing School (East Boston), additional accommodations for, 121
close of term 75
petition for extension of term, 34, 40
(Tennyson street), additional accommodations for 137, 177, 178
(Warren avenue), additional accommodations for modelling class 20
Schools, appropriation for printing posters, etc..... 152
election of instructors..14, 61, 106, 122, 152, 190, 191, 209
exhibition of work..... 85
resignation of instructors.....152, 175
Elementary Schools, election of instructors...12, 25, 149, 150, 151, 174, 183, 184, 195
principals 149, 150, 184
transfer of appropriation..... 25
High School, election of clerk 150
instructors.....11, 25, 149, 150, 173, 183, 195, 206
in special subjects..... 206
principal 149, 150
phonography text-books authorized..174, 184, 199, 207
rank of principal..... 129
amendment proposed..... 156
rules amended..... 156
salary of clerk 156
teacher of phonography 156
teachers in day schools to teach in.....157, 208
Examinations, Committee on. (See Committee on Examinations.)
Exhibit from Boston Schools at New Orleans Exposition....130, 141, 154, 218
Exhibition of work of Evening Drawing Schools..... 85
Exhibitions of schools, amendment proposed 71, 72
petition for abolition of.....62, 63, 70, 71, 72
rules amended..... 73
Expenditures of School Committee for past eight years 13
and appropriations.....17, 18, 37, 38, 58, 59, 176, 197, 198, 219, 220

Faneuil, primary acommodations in..... 127
Farley, Emeline C., transfer of 216
Farrington, Barbara C., leave of absence 14, 34, 67 139

Page
Farrington, Barbara C., transfer of 173
Fickett, Lizzie F., confirmation of 116
Fifth Division, Committee on. (See Committee on Fifth Division.)
new primary school-house in 19, 20
Fire, precautions against in school-houses 180, 212
First Division, Committee on. (See Committee on First Division.)
vacation school in 120
Fisher, Irene, resignation of 214
transfer of 11
Floyd, Carrie L., confirmation of 97
Flynn, Marian A., transfer of 148
Foster, Alla W., confirmation of 135
Fourth Division, Committee on. (See Committee on Fourth Division.)
Frame, Martha L., confirmation of 11
Francis-street School-house, partition in hall 99, 118
repairs in cellar 117, 139
Franklin District, additional primary accommodations 17, 51
French, Charles A., compensation to 106, 107, 131
Fries, Anna M., leave of absence 34
resignation of 145
Frizzell, Susan, transfer of 148
Frost, Laura, resignation of 214
Fuller, Sarah, nomination of 58
reëlection of 72
Fynes, Mary L., confirmation of 104
transfer of 183

Gage's Physics as a text-book in Boys' Latin School 5, 8, 12
Gammell, Carrie F., nomination of 173
Gardner, Annie H., substitute 41
Garland, Susan G. B., leave of absence 195
Gary, Callie E., leave of absence 32, 72
Gaston District, additional primary accommodations 25, 51
Genesee-street School-house, janitor discharged 218
screens for 162
vacation school in 111
George, Hiram M., rank of 141, 159, 160
George Putnam School-house, enlargement of lot 117, 140
George-street School-house, additional plumbing in 89
Gerry, Laura J., leave of absence 40
Getchell, Nettie M., nomination of 194
temporary teacher 97
Gilligan, Jane F., nomination of 147
temporary teacher 104, 116
Gleason, Hannah E. G., transfer of 148

Page
Glidden, Mary E., transfer of 136
Godfrey, John O., confirmation of 124
Gooch, Mary L., nomination of 66
temporary teacher 24, 66
Gore, Mary A. B., transfer of 149
Graduating exercises of schools, dates of 211
Grammar-school accommodations, additional in Bennett District ... 32, 52, 127
Bigelow District 140
Comins District 107, 119
Dearborn District 51
Mount Vernon District ... 197
Ninth Division 140, 141
Shurtleff District 140
house, Hammond street, named the Hyde School 129
Huntington avenue, named the Martin School ... 129
in Minot District 33, 82
Schools, mental arithmetic in 20, 62, 63, 79, 80, 81, 87, 88, 100, 101, 112, 121
petitions for increase of salaries of assistants 43
Grant, Nellie R., confirmation of 36
Graves, Helen M., confirmation of 183
Mary A., substitute 142
temporary teacher 194, 214
Gray, Elizabeth T., special assistant 146
Julia A. C., leave of absence 196
Greenleaf, Earle G., compensation to 15, 77, 78
Gregory, Emma M., nomination of 205
substitute 88, 138
temporary teacher 172
Grimes, Anna B., special assistant 48
nomination of 182
Guild, Gustavus F., confirmation of 173

Hagerty, Mary E. W., special assistant 83
substitute 211
Timothy F., payment of salary of 56
Hall, Helen P., confirmation of 194
salary of 42, 90, 91
Henry B., resignation of 145
Hamlin, Delwin A., elected principal of Bowdoin School 104
resignation of 123
Hammerle, Ida S., special assistant 83
substitute 195
Hammond-street School-house named the "Hyde School" 129
Hancock School, election of principal 48, 105

Page
Hancock School, nomination of principal 104
reëlection of principal 48, 53, 61
resignation of principal 103
Hapgood, Abby S., confirmation of 148
Mrs. O. C., nomination of 127
Harding, Elizabeth C., nomination of 35
temporary teacher 10
Harper, Ann M., resignation of 23
Harrison, Corinne, nomination of 10
Harvard Primary School-house, enlargement of yard 202, 221
Haushalter, Kate, nomination of 215
substitute 70, 98, 153
Heard, Octavia C., transfer of 149
Henshaw, Marion, leave of absence 203
Hews, Jennie P., confirmation of 216
nomination of 10
High School (East Boston), accommodations for 49, 82
(Girls'), instructor in vocal and physical culture, nominated, 84
resignation of 73
salary of, 99, 113
(Roxbury), improvements in 110, 118, 119
Schools, age for admission, amendment proposed 138, 157
rules amended 199, 200
"Charts of Life" authorized 12
Committee on. (See Committee on High Schools.)
dates of admission examinations 120
graduating exercises 110
manual of zoölogy authorized 185, 199
Hill, Lula A. L., confirmation of 125
Melvin J., temporary teacher 134, 214
Hillside School-house, improvements in 100, 118
School, petition for one daily session 15, 16
sewing teacher, nomination of 127
resignation of 127
Hilton, Helen L., special assistant 48, 103
Hinckley, Harriet D., leave of absence 41
Hintz, Emma L. B., resignation of 9
Hitchings, Henry, election of 67
Hobart, Elsa L., nomination of 147
substitute 81
temporary teacher 35
Hobbs, George M., elected vice-president 4
Holder, Abbie M., leave of absence 17, 69
resignation of 133

Page
Holiday 57, 106, 112, 216
Holt, Hosea E., nomination of 68, 86
Holton, Nina G., substitute 42
Hooker, Anna L., special assistant 214
Horace Mann School, accommodations for 37
Committee on. (See Committee on Horace Mann School.)
instructors elected 52, 88
reëlected 58
principal nominated 58
reëlected 72
Hosmer, Mary S., confirmation of 104
Howard, Gertrude L., confirmation of 136
Howe, Ella L., leave of absence 191
Howes, Lizzie G., confirmation of 135
Howland, Ella F., leave of absence 100, 186
Huntington-avenue School-house named the "Martin School" 129
Hussey, Martha S., nomination of 125
Huston, Katharine W., confirmation of 148
Hyde School-house, enlargement of lot 178, 203
name given to 129
Hygiene, lectures on, to teachers 185, 210, 211

Invitation to pupils to attend Institute Skating Rink 20

Jackson, Jennie M., temporary teacher 134, 215
Jacobs, Mrs. Mary E., election of 19, 34
Janitor of Concord-street School, payment of salary 56
Genesee-street School, discharge of 218
Jenkins, Laura, substitute 155, 196
Johnson, Lizzie F., transfer of 11
Priscilla, transfer of 148, 173
Jones, Eliza W., leave of absence 128
Henry C., nomination of 134
salary of 200, 222
temporary teacher 23, 74, 116
Rosa E., special assistant 146
Jordan, Ella C., nomination of 52
resignation of 52
Joslin, Flora F., confirmation of 125

Kelley, Alice T., nomination of 216
resignation of 214
Kellogg, Eva D., leave of absence 111
resignation of 134

Page
Kelly, Jessie W., confirmation of 74
Kennemon, Cicely M., transfer of 36
Kiggen, Nellie J., nomination of 24, 74
resignation of 73
Killion, Delia T., transfer of 11
Kindergarten in Cushman School-house 152
King, F. Morton, confirmation of 147
Kittredge, Mary F., nomination of 135
salary of 162, 178
Kneeland, John, elected supervisor 55
Krey, Sophia E., nomination of 147

Ladd, Lizzie B., resignation of 133
Lang, Eleanor F., substitute 81
Latin School (Boys'), Gage's Physics as a text-book in 5, 8, 12
improvements in building 8, 20
building, additional accommodations for Evening Drawing School 20
(Girls') instructor in vocal and physical culture nominated. 125
Schools, dates of admission examinations 120
manual of zoölogy authorized 185, 199
Leach, Anna, resignation of 145
Leadbeater, Florence E., confirmation of 124
salary of 143, 178, 179
Leary, Ellen E., temporary teacher 66, 83, 146, 215
Leave of absence to Sarah E. Adams 139, 211
Louise P. Arnold 128
Mary E. Balch 16, 70, 153
E. Isabelle Bense 19, 72
Emma F. Black 111
Kate E. Blanchard 17, 69
Annie E. Bond 37
Sarah A. Brackett 137
P. Catherine Bradford 117, 163
Elizabeth C. Bredeen 88, 138
Elizabeth J. Brown 17, 69
Abbie C. Burge 41, 70, 98, 153
Addie J. Callender 137
Florence Carver 100, 163
Leverett M. Chase 117
Sarah E. Crocker 16, 69
Angelina M. Cudworth 32
Adeline F. Cutter 14
Mary E. Davis 211
Alice M. Dickey 139

Page

Leave of absence to Bell J. Dunham 117
Susan A. Dutton 117, 155
Mary H. Dwyer 98
Laura E. Dyer 155, 196
Barbara C. Farrington 14, 34, 67, 139
Anna M. Fries 34
Susan G. B. Garland 195
Callie E. Gary 32, 72
Laura J. Gerry 40
Julia A. C. Gray 196
Marion Henshaw 203
Harriet D. Hinckley 41
Abbie M. Holder 17, 69
Ella L. Howe 191
Ella F. Howland 100, 186
Eliza W. Jones 128
Eva D. Kellogg 111
Margaret Macgregor 153
Marie L. Macomber 67
Henrietta Madigan 211
Hannah L. Manson 163
Emily H. Maxwell 41, 42, 69
Caroline F. Melville 99
Frank A. Morse 78, 128
George W. Neal 12, 69
Ann E. Newell 16, 219
Esther F. Nichols 196
Honora T. O'Dowd 175
Anna E. L. Parker 16
Emily B. Peck 12
Eldora A. Pickering 136
Louise A. Pieper 98
Edith A. Pope 40
Emma F. Porter 110, 138
Anna M. Prescott 221
Clara J. Raynolds 152, 221
Grace M. Remick 70, 112
Sarah Ripley 175
Kate S. Sawyer 14, 152
Isabel Shove 81
Lucy E. Shove 42, 81, 155, 196
Lydia A. Simpson 138, 202
Phebe H. Simpson 15
Martha A. Smith 78, 128
Margaret J. Stewart 219

Page
Leave of absence to Annie M. Stone 88
Persis B. Swett 101, 106
Fannie L. Toppan 153
Emeline E. Torrey 155
Sarah M. Tripp 16, 70
Frances H. Turner 163
Emma M. Waldock 81
Ellen L. Wallace 218
O. Augusta Welch 195
Lucette A. Wentworth 14
Uleyetta Williams 15
Mary B. Winchell 89, 137
Legislative Committee. (See Committee on Legislative Matters.)
Leonard, Sarah E., confirmation of 11
"Lessons in Color," as a reference-book in Primary Schools 12, 34
Libby, Abbie M., nomination of 194
Licensed Minors, accommodations for 154
reëlection of instructors in schools for 57, 58, 219
resignation of instructor 210
Lincoln District, additional primary accommodations 25, 51
Nellie I., resignation of 127
Littlefield, Hattie A., transfer of 11
Loan of text-books and supplies to pupils 142, 160, 161
amendment proposed 162
Locke, Cora S., confirmation of 195
Long, Alice H., substitute 42
Lothrop, Charlotte N., resignation of 214
Lovering, Mary A., nomination of 84
salary of 88, 113
Lowell District, petition for additional accommodations in 21, 33
Lynch, Mary E., nomination of 215
temporary teacher 134
Lyons, Kate F., substitute 69, 128

Macgregor, Margaret, leave of absence 153
Macomber, Marie L., leave of absence 67
Madigan, Henrietta, leave of absence 211
transfer of 149
Mailman, Mary E., confirmation of 136
transfer of 136
Manson, Hannah L., leave of absence 163
Hannah L., nomination of 216
substitute 153
temporary teacher 194
Manual Training School, election of instructor 67

Page
Manual Training School, salary of instructor 67
Martin, Albertine A., nomination of 182
temporary teacher 146
Grammar School, name given to 129
Mason, J. M., nomination of 68, 86
Samuel W., elected supervisor 55
street, concrete paving for 122
Maxim, Mary E., special assistant 9
Maxwell, Emily H., leave of absence 41, 42, 69
Mayer, Jennie A., special assistant 83
temporary teacher 146
McDonald, Carrie G., nomination of 24
Mary E., special assistant 65, 193
temporary teacher 74
McGrath, Lizzie, resignation of 145
McIntyre, Julia A., transfer of 149
McLane, Susan E., substitute 163
McMann, Mary E., substitute 153
Medford-street building to be fitted for school purposes 32, 50, 82
Melcher, Elizabeth G., nomination of 24
resignation of 23
Melville, Caroline F., leave of absence 99
Melvin, Effie C., resignation of 134
Mental Arithmetic in Grammar Schools, 63, 79, 80, 81, 87, 88, 100, 101, 112, 121
opinions of principals in regard to 20, 62, 63
Merrick, Fidelia D., nomination of 66
substitute 32
Merrill, Annie G., temporary teacher 146
M. Rosalia, confirmation of 135
Meserve, Esther M., compensation to 163, 179, 180
temporary teacher 10, 134
Messenger elected 5
Metcalf, Clara I., salary of 187, 212
Martha F., nomination of 88
substitute 37
temporary teacher 52
Robert C., elected supervisor 55
Military Drill, appropriation for arms and accoutrements for Boston School Regiment 138, 177, 198, 199
date of parade of School Regiment 76, 77
prize drills 76, 77
reëlection of instructor 48, 49
Minot District, new school-house in 33, 82
School, sewing teacher appointed 197

Page
Minter, Mary E., confirmation of 147
Mitchell, Rose A., nomination of 135
"Modern Series, Primary Reading Part I," authorized as permanent supplementary reading in Primary Schools 218
Mohan, Mary J., nomination of 147
temporary teacher 24, 74, 103
Moody, Martha L., resignation of 65
Moore, Hobart, reëlection of.....48, 49
Lucy M. A., transfer of 36
Moran, John B., resolutions on service of as Chairman of Committee on Supplies 13
Morey, Emma P., resignation of 123
Morris, Fannie M., nomination of 24
Morse, Caroline E., nomination of 147
Frank A., leave of absence.....78, 128
Jennie E., nomination of..... 24
temporary teacher 24
John R., substitute..... 78
L. Cora, nomination of..... 147
Mary E., substitute.....34, 195
Moseley, Clara M., confirmation of..... 10
Mount Vernon District, additional grammar accommodations 197
School-house, sanitary accommodations in 15, 51
Mudge, Henry N., resignation of..... 175
Mulrey, Elizabeth D., confirmation of 216
Murdock, Annie C., nomination of..... 135
salary of.....139, 178
Murphy, Mary A., substitute..... 211
temporary teacher..... 134
G., nomination of 216
substitute..... 203
Nellie G., nomination of..... 215
temporary teacher 10
Murray, V. Colonna, confirmation of..... 36
nomination of 146
resignation of 145
Murtagh, Katharine T., resignation of..... 123
Music, blackboard exercises, authorized as a reference book, 199, 202, 203
to be printed.....175, 199, 202, 203
estimates for special instructors of 15
instructors, continued in service 75
elected.....68, 86
to illustrate their methods of teaching..... 68
time for instruction and practice 79

Page
Neal, George W., death of 126
resolutions on 126, 127
leave of absence 12, 69
payment of salary of 129
Needham, Sarah J. C., nomination of 145
temporary teacher 35, 66, 134
Newcomb, Frances R., nomination of 182
temporary teacher 10, 97, 124
Newell, Ann E., leave of absence 16, 219
Newhall, Laura L., nomination of 215
temporary teacher 146
New Orleans Exposition, appropriation for School exhibit..130, 141, 154, 218
communication from commissioner of.....130, 141
Nichols, Esther F., leave of absence 196
Henrietta, confirmation of 36
Mary L., resignation of 182
Ninth Division, Committee on. (See Committee on Ninth Division.)
Nomination of teachers. (See Teachers, nomination of.)
Nominations, Committee on. (See Committee on Nominations.)
Noonan, Elizabeth A., nomination of 35
Mary E., transfer of 148
Norcross, Harriet H., nomination of 36
temporary teacher 35
Normal School catalogue, edition of 129
"Charts of Life" authorized 12
Committee on. (See Committee on Normal School.)
use of hall for Hygienic lectures 185, 210, 211
Norris, Carrie E., nomination of 215
temporary teacher 194
North Harvard-street School-house (Brighton), petition for reopening, 55, 116
Nute, Ida B., confirmation of 135
Nutter, Abner J., salary of 186, 222
Caroline E., special assistant 83
Nye, Abbie F., nomination of 74
temporary teacher 35

Odiorne, Adelaide M., substitute 117, 163
O'Dowd, Honora T., leave of absence 175
O'Hea, Margaret J., confirmation of 173
Olsson, Annie M., confirmation of 183
O'Meara, Stephen, salary of 156
Opinion of superintendent 80, 189
Opinions of principals concerning use of mental arithmetic 20, 62, 63
Organization of School Committee 3
Orr, Ella A., resignation of 65
O-street School-house, name for 208, 219

Page
O-street School-house, sidewalks in vicinity to be laid 98, 99
surrendered to School Committee 167

Palmer, Elizabeth, transfer of 11
Martha, nomination of 24
Parade of School Regiment, date of 76, 77
Parker, Anna E. L., leave of absence 16
street, petition for school-house on 21, 33
Peck, Emily B., leave of absence 12
Pennell, Mrs. L. C., device for ventilation 77, 119
Perry, Nellie, substitute 89, 137
Peters, Alvah H., elected messenger 5
Peterson, Ellis, elected supervisor 55
Petition concerning sanitary condition of Eustis-street School-house .. 89, 119
text-book in English Literature 185, 186
for additional school accommodations in Lowell District 21, 33
extension of term of East Boston Evening Drawing School, 34, 40
one daily session in Hillside School 15, 16
reopening North Harvard-street School-house (Brighton), 55, 116
school-house on Parker street 21, 33
use of hall, Fourth st., So. Boston 167, 168
from Mass. Emergency and Hygienic Association 185, 210, 211
principals for abolishing annual exhibitions in June .. 62, 63, 70, 71, 72
Petitions for increase in salaries of assistants in Grammar and Primary Schools 43
not to be circulated among teachers of public schools, 161, 187, 188
Pfeiffer, Oscar J., resignation of 182
Phillips-street School-house, paving of sidewalks 118
Phonography, Benn Pitman's Manual of, authorized in Evening High School 174, 184
"Phonographic Reader" authorized in Evening High School 199, 207
Physics, text-book in, for Boys' Latin School 5, 8, 12
Pickering, Eldora A., leave of absence 136
Pieper, Louise A., confirmation of 195
leave of absence 98
salary of 70, 89, 90, 113, 114, 131
transfer of 11
Pillsbury, Luther B., substitute 14
Plummer, Cora F., resignation of 133
Mary E., confirmation of 183
Politics, teachers not to take active part in 161, 187, 188
Pond, Anna M., confirmation of 66
Poole, Nellie L., nomination of 66
resignation of 65

Page
Pope, Edith A., leave of absence 40
Porter, Emma F., leave of absence 110, 138
William J., elected auditing clerk 4, 5
Powell, Charlotte A., confirmation of 135
Prang Educational Company, agreement with concerning Drawing-books 175, 190
Prayer 3
Prescott, Anna M., leave of absence 221
District, additional school accommodations 32
new Primary School-house in 50, 82
Elizabeth W., substitute 196
Lillian W., temporary teacher 146
President of School Board, vote of thanks to 222
Preston, Elizabeth R., nomination of 173
resignation of 172
Primary accommodations, Bigelow District 140
Faneuil 127
Franklin District 17, 51
Gaston District 25, 51
Lincoln District 25, 51
Shurtleff District 140
School, Blossom street, temporary accommodations for 121, 122
house, Baker street, Cochituate water for 143
Eustis street, sanitary condition of 89, 119
Fifth Division 19, 20
Francis street, partition in hall 99, 118
repairs in cellar 117, 139
Genesee street, discharge of janitor 218
screens for 162
George street, additional plumbing in 89
Harvard District, enlargement of yard 202, 221
O street, name for 208, 219
sidewalks in vicinity to be paved 98, 99
surrendered to School Committee 167
Paris street, enlargement of yard 220
Phillips street, paving of sidewalks 118
Prescott District 50, 82
Quincy street, cellar to be cemented 220
Thacher street, surrendered to City Council 115
Way street, improvements in 197, 222
screens for 162
Instruction, Committee on. (See Committee on Primary-School Instruction.)
Schools, "Lessons in Color" as a reference book 12, 34
petitions for increase in salaries of assistants 43

Page
Primary Schools, recess in 100, 121
special assistants. (See Special Assistants, Primary Schools.)
supplementary reading 218
vacation in 112
Principals, duties of, amendment proposed 158
rules amended 169, 170
reëlection of 45, 46, 47, 48, 53, 61, 72
Prize drills, date of 76, 77
Pupils sent for absent pupils 181, 200, 201

Quincy School, death of principal 126
resolutions on 126, 127
principal elected 126
nominated 125
street Primary School-house, cellar to be cemented 220

Raycroft, Kate A., nomination of 147
Raynolds, Clara J., leave of absence 152, 221
Recess in Primary Schools 100, 121
Reconsideration 100, 101, 112, 121, 171, 172, 190
Reed, Anna E., nomination of 66
resignation of 65
Reëlection of principals 45, 46, 47, 48, 53, 61, 72
sewing teachers 56
special assistants 48
instructors 48, 49, 56, 57, 58, 67, 68, 72, 74, 86, 87
subordinate teachers 45
truant-officers 57
Reid, Jane, nomination of 10
Remick, Grace M., leave of absence 70, 112
"Reporter's Companion" authorized in Evening High School 174, 184
"Reporter's First Reader" authorized in Evening High School 199, 207
Resignation of teachers. (See Teachers, resignation of.)
Resolutions against teachers taking an active part in politics ... 161, 187, 188
concerning free text-books 41
retirement of Daniel C. Brown 105
on services of John B. Moran as Chairman of Committee on Supplies 13
Revised ordinances for members of School Board 49
Rice, Jessie M., nomination of 24
Richards, Ada K., substitute 34, 152, 221
Mary C., special assistant 193
Sylvia A., substitute 98, 153
Ridgway, J. Zella, resignation of 19

Page
Ripley, Sarah, leave of absence 175
Roome, Mary E., substitute 100, 186
Rowe, Olive M. E., nomination of 10
resignation of 9
Roxbury-street School-house, vacation school in 89, 112
Rules suspended..8, 25, 32, 33, 39, 40, 45, 52, 57, 67, 75, 78, 86, 106, 110, 111, 112, 118, 120, 121, 122, 125, 130,131, 152, 154, 156, 157, 162, 180, 197, 200, 203, 207, 216, 218, 219, 220
and regulations adopted 4
amended.....73, 156, 168, 169, 170, 171, 199, 200, 213
amendment proposed..13, 71, 72, 128, 129, 138, 156, 157, 158, 159, 177, 208, 209
Committee on. (See Committee on Rules and Regulations.)
Rumrill, Sarah E., confirmation of..... 216
transfer of 11
Russell, Walter H., temporary teacher 134, 214
Ryder, John C., nomination of 173

Salaries, Committee on. (See Committee on Salaries.)
of absent teachers without substitutes 18, 38, 39
teachers, 1884-5.....43, 44
truant-officers 57, 78
Salary of assistant to auditing clerk..... 43
auditing clerk 60
Sarah J. Baker 52
Anna M. Balch 155, 156, 179
Helen D. Baright.....99, 113
J. Gardner Bassett 98, 113
Annie E. Bond, payment of..... 52
Clerk of Evening High School..... 156
copyist in offices of school department..... 43
Gertrude P. Davis.....33, 43
Timothy F. Hagerty, payment of 56
Helen P. Hall.....42, 90, 91
instructor in Manual Training School..... 67
Henry C. Jones 200, 222
Mary F. Kittredge 162, 178
Florence E. Leadbeater.....143, 178, 179
Mary A. Lovering.....88, 113
Clara I. Metcalf.....187, 212
Annie C. Murdock.....139, 178
George W. Neal, payment of..... 129
Abner J. Nutter.....186, 222
Louise A. Pieper.....70, 89, 90, 113, 114, 131

Page
Salary of secretary 60
Edward P. Shute 111, 131
Almira G. Smith 142, 179
superintendent 42
teacher of phonography, Evening High School 156
Emma M. Waldock, payment of 143
Clara E. Webster 32
Maurice P. White 196, 212
Sanborn, Alice A., substitute 88, 155, 196
Elizabeth A., transfer of 136
Josephine L., confirmation of 135
Sawyer, Ida F., substitute 219
Kate S., leave of absence 14, 152
Scallan, Anna L., substitute 40
Schnerch, Edward W., confirmation of 148
School Committee, additional estimates for free books 59, 60
annual report 49, 50
edition of 50
auditing clerk elected 4, 5
credentials of members elect 4
electric lights for chamber 61
estimates 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32
expenditures for past eight years 13
members elect 3
with unexpired terms 3
messenger elected 5
organization of 3
secret session 45, 60
secretary elected 4
qualified as clerk of corporation 5
special meeting 51, 53
treasurer of the corporation elected 5
vice-president elected 4
vote of thanks to president 222
vice-president 223
Regiment, appropriation for arms, etc. 138, 177, 198, 199
School-houses, Committee on. (See Committee on School-houses.)
use of for other than regular work 84
Schools for Licensed Minors, Committee on. (See Committee on Schools for Licensed Minors.)
Scollans, Margaret I., confirmation of 124
Scott, Martha E., substitute 136
temporary teacher 194
Screens for Genesee street and Way street school-houses 162
Scribner, Celia A., transfer of 11

Page
Seaver, Caroline F., special assistant 193
Edwin P., elected superintendent 42
Seaverns, Ella M., transfer of 11
Second Division, Committee on. (See Committee on Second Division.)
Secret session 45, 60
Secretary elected 4
qualified as clerk of the corporation 5
salary of 60
Sessions of schools. hours in afternoon 165, 174, 188, 189, 200
Seventh Division, Committee on. (See Committee on Seventh Division.)
Sewing, Committee on. (See Committee on Sewing.)
teacher in Minot School, elected 197
teachers, election of 19, 34, 127. 197
reëlection of 56
resignation of 19, 127
Sharland, Joseph B., nomination of 68, 86
Sharp School-house, vacation school in 85
Shaw, Emma K., resignation of 214
Shepard, Mary L., confirmation of 148
S. Kate, resignation of 123
Shields, Maria A., nomination of 205
special assistant 48
temporary teacher 97, 194
Shove, Isabel, leave of absence 81
Lucy E., leave of absence 42, 81, 155, 196
Shurtleff District, additional school accommodations 98, 140
Shute, Edward P., salary of 111, 131
Katharine H., confirmation of 147
Sias, Martha M., resignation of 73
Sibley, Alice M., substitute 203
Emma M., confirmation of 148
Sickness among pupils, comparative amount 120
Simpson, Lydia A., leave of absence 138, 202
Phebe H., leave of absence 15
Sixth Division, Committee on. (See Committee on Sixth Division.)
Skating Rink, invitation to pupils to visit 20
Smith, Almira G., confirmation of 135
salary of 142, 179
George, elected instructor in Manual Training School 67
salary of 67
Martha A., leave of absence 78, 128
resignation of 205
Somes, Anna E., confirmation of 148
South Boston Catholic Union, petition for use of Fourth-street hall .. 167, 168
Souther, Elizabeth A., nomination of 194

Page
Souther, Elizabeth A., substitute 16, 70
Soutter, Jane A., special assistant 182
substitute 100, 163
Special assignment 42, 48, 51, 52, 53, 63, 75, 84, 86, 88, 92, 112, 165, 174, 188, 189
assistants, Primary Schools, nomination of ..9, 65, 74, 83, 97, 103, 124, 146, 172, 182, 193, 214
reëlection of 48
instructors reëlected ...48, 49, 53, 56, 57, 58, 61, 67, 68, 72, 74, 86, 87
to be appointed on probation, amendment proposed, 164, 165, 208
rules amended 213
meeting of School Committee 51, 53
Starr King School-house, Tennyson st., to be macadamized in front of .. 111
Sterne, Miriam, nomination of 134
Stetson, Annabel, temporary teacher 205
Stevens, Alice E., confirmation of 25
Helen M., confirmation of 216
transfer of 11
Stewart, Margaret J., leave of absence 219
Stickney, Edward, confirmation of 11
Stockman, Alice G., resignation of 214
Stone, Anna M., transfer of 11
Annie M., leave of absence 88
resignation of 133
Fanny M., resignation of 123
Stratton, Edith L., temporary teacher 182
Winella W., confirmation of 124
Substitute service, recommendations of Superintendent in regard to, 155, 208, 209
Substitutes, 14, 16, 17, 19, 32, 34, 37, 40, 41, 42, 69, 70, 72, 78, 81, 88, 89, 98, 99, 100, 110, 111, 112, 117, 128, 136, 137, 138, 139, 142, 152, 153, 155, 163, 186, 195, 196, 197, 202, 203, 211, 219, 221
for principals, pay of, amendment proposed 13, 120, 121
Sullivan, Abby W., temporary teacher 146
Katharine G., confirmation of 148
Summers, Catherine S., nomination of 10
Sumner, Eudora F., temporary teacher 10, 66
Superintendent, communication from 20
duties of, amendment proposed 158, 159
rules amended 168, 169, 170, 171
edition of report of 85
elected 42
matters referred 180, 210, 211
opinion of 80, 189

Page
Superintendent, salary of 42
and supervisors, special committee to consider work of, appointed 60
report, 106, 139, 158, 159
Supervisors, annual report of Board of 162
change in assignment of 159, 169, 170, 171, 172
Committee on Nominations to report candidates for 50, 54
duties of, amendment proposed 158, 177, 209
rules amended 169, 170, 213
elected 42, 52, 54, 55
letters of acceptance from 58
reduction in diploma examination papers to be reëxamined, 60, 122
reëxamination of diploma examination papers ...18, 19, 60, 122
report on examination for certificates of qualification ...163, 164
special committee on number and work of, appointed 44
report ..50, 51, 53, 54
edition of, 56
Supplementary reading, Committee on Supplies to furnish 77
Text-books, report on 174, 184, 185
granted further time .. 96
to report in print ..96, 153
primary schools 218
Supplies, Committee on. (See Committee on Supplies.)
Suspension of the rules, 8, 25, 32, 33, 39, 40, 45, 52, 57, 67, 75, 78, 86, 106, 110, 111, 112, 118, 120, 121, 122, 125, 130, 131, 152, 154, 156, 157, 162, 180, 197, 200, 203, 207, 216, 218, 219, 220
Sutherland A. Delancey, nomination of 147
substitute 16, 70
Sweeney, Mary L., nomination of 24
Sabina G., substitute 218
Swett, Persis B., leave of absence 101, 106
Swift, Idella M., confirmation of 97
Sylvester, William H., confirmation of 135
Symonds, Mary E., resignation of 172
Synett, Sarah T., resignation of 172

Tardinesses of pupils to be tabulated 203, 204, 221
Taylor, Ida F., substitute 69, 139, 211
Marvin M., temporary teacher 214
M. Persis, reëlection of 58, 219
resignation of 210
Teachers absent without substitutes, payment of salaries of 18, 38, 39

Page

Teachers confirmation of...10, 11, 25, 36, 66, 74, 97, 104, 116, 124, 125, 135, 136, 147, 148, 173, 183, 194, 195, 216
nomination of, 10, 11, 12, 14, 19, 24, 25, 34, 35, 36, 52, 61, 66, 74, 83, 124, 125, 127, 134, 135, 146, 147, 149, 150, 151, 173, 174, 182, 183, 184, 190, 191, 194, 195, 205, 206, 215, 216, 219
of day schools to teach in evening schools.....157, 208
over sixty-eight years of age ineligible for reëlection..112, 201, 202
petitions not to be circulated among.....161, 187, 188
reëlection of, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 53, 56, 57, 58, 61, 67, 68, 72, 74, 86, 87
resignation of.....9, 19, 23, 52, 65, 73, 103, 123, 127, 133, 134, 145, 152, 172, 175, 182, 193, 205, 210, 214
salaries of 43, 44
transfer of.....11, 36, 37, 74, 125, 136, 148, 149, 173, 183, 216
Telephonic connection between schools and school committee rooms, 208, 209
Temporary teachers..10, 23, 24, 35, 52, 66, 74, 83, 97, 103, 104, 116, 124, 134, 146, 172, 182, 194, 205, 214, 215
Tenney, Benjamin, nomination of 147
temporary teacher..... 146
Tennyson-street School-house, additional rooms for Evening Drawing School.....137, 177, 178
vacation school in 89
to be macadamized in front of Starr King School-house, 111
Text-books, additional estimate for the free supply of 59, 60
approval of 86, 180, 185, 207
Committee on. (See Committee on Text-books.)
loaned to pupils, care and custody of.....108, 109
manner of loaning, amendment proposed 162
no school officer to be pecuniarily interested in any 92, 93
prices of, for next school year.....85, 86
resolutions concerning the free supply of..... 41
storage and protection of 99
and reference books, list to be printed 116
supplies, purchase and delivery of 107, 108
to be loaned without signature to promise of indemnity.....142, 160, 161
Thacher-street Primary School-house surrendered to City Council 115
Thaxter, Susan H., rank of 130
Thing, Lizzie J., confirmation of 195
nomination of..... 36
Third Division, Committee on. (See Committee on Third Division.)
Thompson, Mary H., nomination of..... 194
substitute.....98, 155
Tileston School-house, sanitary improvements in 111, 112
rank of principal 141, 159, 160

Page
Toppan, Fannie L., discharge of 218
leave of absence 153
Torrey, Cordelia G., temporary teacher 24, 97, 215
Emeline E., leave of absence 155
Towne, Lillian M., substitute 203
temporary teacher 134, 215
Transfer of teachers. (See Teachers, transfer of.)
Treadwell, Amelia E. N., transfer of 148
Treasurer of the Corporation elected 5
Tripp, Sarah M., leave of absence 16, 70
Truant cards to be used in notifying officers 49
Officers, Committee on. (See Committee on Truant-Officers.)
reëlection of 57
salaries of 57, 78
School, industrial department in 49, 128, 217
removal from Deer Island 49, 128, 217
Trumbull, Mary, nomination of 36, 194
resignation of 193
Turn-Verein, request for use of Wait School-house 132, 141, 142
Turner, Frances H., leave of absence 163
Tyler-street School-house, vacation school in 120

Unfinished business, referred 6, 222
Upham, Mary E., nomination of 124

Vacation in Evening Schools 218
schools 57, 106, 112, 216
extension of 110
summer, reärrangement of time for 154, 191
school in Chardon-court School-house 100
Cushman School-house 85
First Division 120
Genesee-street School-house 111
Roxbury-street School-house 89, 112
Sharp School-house 85
Tennyson-street School-house 89
Tyler-street School house 120
Valentine, Marietta L., confirmation of 135
Van Vleck, Anna, confirmation of 36
Varney, Abby O., resignation of 134
Ventilation, communication, etc., from Mrs. L. C. Pennell concerning, 77, 119
Very, Mary E., substitute 32, 111, 142
Vice-president elected 4
vote of thanks to 223
Viles, Delia L., special assistant 9, 48

Page
Voigt, Charlotte L., confirmation of 136
Vote of thanks to President of School Committee 222
Vice-President of School Committee 223

Wait School-house, request for use of for instruction in German, 132, 141, 142
Waldock, Emma M., leave of absence 81
payment of salary of 143
Wallace, Ellen L., leave of absence 218
Wallis, Elizabeth K., substitute 16
Wark, Kittie, substitute 16, 69, 137
nomination of 182
Warren, H. Winslow, transfer of 125
Waterbury, Jennie L., confirmation of 124
Waterman, Mary, nomination of 135
Way-street school-house, improvements in 197, 222
screens for 162
Webster, Clara E., salary of 32
James W., reëlection of 61
resignation of 103
Welch, O. Augusta, leave of absence 195
Sarah J., temporary teacher 24, 97
Wentworth, Lucette A., leave of absence 14
Weston, Ann E., confirmation of 11
Whelton, Annie J., transfer of 11
White, Ella F., resignation of 182
Emily V., substitute 111
Jennie F., confirmation of 66
Maurice P., confirmation of 148
salary of 196, 212
Whitney, Mary E., confirmation of 124
Nellie M., nomination of 147
Wilkinson, Joanna C., nomination of 36
Williams, Alice L., nomination of 215
substitute 81
Mary E., nomination of 124
substitute 70, 112
Rufus P., confirmation of 147
Uleyetta, leave of absence 15
resignation of 73
Williamson, William C., appointed on Committee on Drawing and Music, 92
Williston, Lyman R., elected supervisor 55
Wills, Lena M., nomination of 194
Wilson, Almira I., confirmation of 124
Fannie B., confirmation of 97
Isabelle H., nomination of 35

Page
Wilson, Sara W., transfer of 136
Winchell, Fannie E., transfer of 74
Mary B., leave of absence 89, 137
Winslow, Belle P., confirmation of 25
nomination of 24
resignation of 23
Isabel G., substitute 110, 138
Winthrop and Bowditch Districts consolidated 129, 140
Wolff, Eleanore S., confirmation of 194
nomination of 10
Wood, Henrietta M., transfer of 11
Maria E., confirmation of 36
Wright, Martha F., nomination of 194
resignation of 193

Yard room, additional, for Andrew School-house 154
Austin School-house 220
Dudley School-house 81, 140
George Putnam School-house 117, 140
Harvard Primary School-house 202, 221
Hyde School-house 178, 203
Yeas and nays 53, 54, 80, 81, 87, 91, 161, 170, 171, 172, 187, 188
Young, Laura M., nomination of 66
Youngman, Emma K., resignation of 123

Zoölogy Manual, authorized in Latin and High Schools 185, 199